



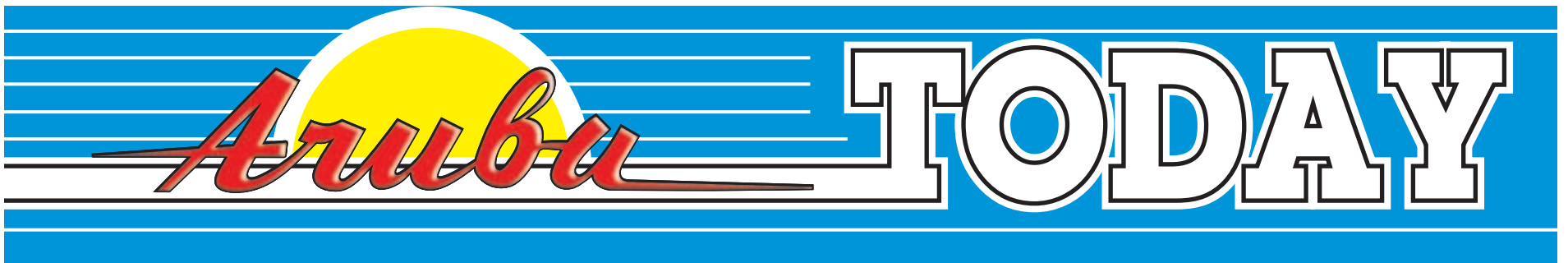
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Kathleen Sebelius resigning from top Health post

Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius listens on Capitol Hill in Washington, Thursday, April 10, 2014, during the Senate Finance Committee hearing on the HHS Department's fiscal Year 2015 budget. A White House official says Sebelius is resigning from the Obama administration. The move comes just a week after the close of the rocky enrollment period for President Barack Obama's health care law.

(AP Photo/Susan Walsh)

JULIE PACE

AP White House Correspondent

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama's Health and Human Services Secretary is resigning after the rocky rollout of his signature health care law, a White House official said Thursday.

Kathleen Sebelius' resignation comes just over a week after the end of the

first enrollment period for the Obamacare law. While the opening weeks of the rollout were marred by website woes, the administration rebounded strongly by enrolling more than 7 million people in the new insurance marketplaces. Sebelius' resignation following her five-year tenure in Obama's Cabinet comes as the White House seeks to rebound from the politi-

cally damaging launch of the health care law. But it could also set the stage for a contentious election-year confirmation hearing to replace her, as Republicans seek to make the health law the centerpiece of their efforts to retake the Senate in the November midterm contests. In a sign that the White House is seeking to avoid a nomination fight, the of-

ficial said the president was tapping Sylvia Mathews Burwell, the director of the Office of Management and Budget, to replace Sebelius. Burwell was unanimously confirmed by the Senate for current post. The official was not authorized to discuss Sebelius' resignation ahead of the formal announcement and requested anonymity. Sebelius, the former gov-

ernor of Kansas, has been one of Obama's longest-serving Cabinet officials. She was instrumental in shepherding the health care law through Congress in 2010 and implementing its initial components, including a popular provision that allow young people to stay on their parents insurance plans until age 26.

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Obama marks 50th anniversary of America's Civil Rights Act

JOSH LEDERMAN
Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Barack Obama, America's first black president, declared Thursday that he had "lived out the promise" envisioned by Lyndon B. Johnson, the president who championed the push for greater racial equality with sweeping civil rights legislation a half century

ago. Marking the 50th anniversary of the Civil Rights Act, which Johnson signed into law, Obama lauded his Democratic predecessor's ability to grasp like few others the power of government to bring about change and swing open the doors of opportunity for millions of Americans. "They swung open for you and they swung open for me," he said. "That's why I'm standing here today." Obama spoke at the end of a three-day summit commemorating the landmark law that ended racial discrimination in public places. The anniversary has spurred a renaissance of sorts for Johnson's domestic agenda, which included the creation of Medicare for the elderly,

Medicaid for the poor, and the Voting Rights Act. Johnson's ambitious domestic agenda, following the assassination of President John F. Kennedy in 1963, has been overshadowed for decades by the legacy of the war in Vietnam, where Johnson escalated American military involvement to over 500,000 U.S. troops by 1968. "You're stymied," he said. "You're reminded daily that in this great democracy, you are but a relay swimmer in the currents of history, bound by decisions of those who came before, reliant on the efforts of those who will follow to fully vindicate your vision," he continued. "But the presidency also affords a unique opportunity



President Barack Obama is greeted by Rep. John Lewis, D-Ga., as he arrives to speak at the LBJ Presidential Library, Thursday, April 10, 2014, in Austin, Texas, during the Civil Rights Summit to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Civil Rights Act. Lewis withstood violence and arrest during the civil rights marches through Alabama in the mid-1960s.

(AP Photo/Carolyn Kaster)

Against the backdrop of Obama's own troubled relationship with Congress, there have also been fresh bouts of nostalgia for Johnson's mastery of congressional deal-making. "No one knew politics and no one loved legislating more than President Johnson," Obama said. "He was charming when he needed to be, ruthless when required." Obama also offered rare personal insights into his views on the office he has held for more than five years, casting it as a humbling perch with powerful possibilities. "Those of us who've had the singular privilege to hold the office of the presidency know well that progress in this country can be hard and it can be slow, frustrating. And sometimes

to bend those currents by shaping our laws and by shaping our debates, by working within the confines of the world as it is, but also by reimagining the world as it should be." As America's first black president, Obama faced criticism from some African-Americans in his first term for doing too little to help minorities. He's used his second term to focus more acutely on issues of inequality and economic opportunity, an effort that dovetailed with the commemoration of the Civil Rights Act. Using Johnson's domestic successes as a model, Obama made the case that the government can still play a role in enacting social programs that can address inequalities. □

AROUND THE WORLD

Colombia seizes seven tons of cocaine

CARTAGENA, Colombia (AP) — Colombian police intercepted 7 tons of cocaine headed to the Dutch port of Rotterdam in one of the biggest such busts in years. The narcotics have a street value of at least \$250 million and were found stashed in 6,900 tiny packages in a container in this Caribbean port city along with bottles of pineapple preserves. The packages were stamped with logos such as "Yamaha" and "KIA" indicating the various criminal gangs behind the shipment. Officials say it was the biggest seizure since 15 tons were found along the Pacific coast in 2005. □

EU credit card fraud sting nets dozens

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — Law enforcement authorities have arrested 70 people at airports around the world in a meticulously coordinated crackdown targeting criminals using fake or stolen credit cards to buy airline tickets. Europol, the European Union police organization which oversaw the operation, said Thursday that the arrests were made this week by police and customs officials at 68 airports in 32 countries. The arrests followed close coordination between law enforcement agencies, airlines and credit card companies. □

Woman mugged during T.V. interview

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — Brazilian TV is showing footage of a woman being robbed while being interviewed on television about crime near Rio de Janeiro's main train station. The woman is complaining in the clip about the lack of police presence near the station when the would-be mugger approaches her from behind and rips off what appears to be a gold necklace. The clip shows the thief fleeing down a busy street, and the reporter is seen chasing him for a few seconds. The thief dropped the necklace, which was then returned to the woman. □

France: \$48M for Park Avenue abode

PARIS (AP) — France's indebted government is selling the Park Avenue residence of its U.N. ambassador, located in one of New York's most prestigious apartment buildings, for an asking price of \$48 million. The Foreign Ministry confirmed Thursday that the apartment at 740 Park, once dubbed the world's "richest apartment building," was up for sale. A former French diplomat, speaking on condition of anonymity as he no longer holds an official position, said France's U.N. ambassadors, including current envoy Gerard Araud, host dinners at the apartment almost every night. □

Explosive found off Puerto Rico island

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — Police in Puerto Rico say an underwater military explosive has been found near a popular beach in the island of Culebra. Capt. Rafael Romero told the newspaper El Nuevo Dia on Thursday that the explosive was found about 40 feet (12 meters) from a well-known campground in Flamenco Beach. The finding comes just days before hundreds of tourists and Puerto Ricans visit the tiny island for Holy Week. Romero said the U.S. military will detonate the explosive in upcoming days and that the beach will be temporarily evacuated. The U.S. Navy once used Culebra for military activity and later moved operations to the nearby island of Vieques. □

Sebelius resigning

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But Sebelius' relationship with the White House frayed during last fall's rollout of the insurance exchanges that are at the center of the sweeping overhaul.

The president and his top advisers said they were frustrated by what they considered to be a lack of information from HHS over the extent of the website troubles.

In the months before the exchanges opened, Sebelius assured lawmakers and the public that new health insurance markets would open on time in all 50 states.

After technical problems crippled online sign-ups after the Oct. 1 launch, the White House sent management expert and longtime Obama adviser Jeffrey Zients to oversee a rescue operation that turned things around by the end of November.

Sebelius dropped no hints about her resignation Thursday when she testified at a budget hearing. The next secretary will have to contend with huge challenges related to the continued implementation of the health overhaul, as well as the divisive politics around it that show no sign of abating.

On the practical side, the administration has to improve customer service for millions of Americans trying to navigate the new system.

There's also a concern that premiums may rise for 2015, since many younger, healthier people appear to have waited out open enrollment season. On the political front, congressional Republicans remain implacably opposed to "Obamacare," even as several Republican governors have accepted the law's expansion of safety-net coverage for the poor under Medicaid.

Opposition by congressional Republicans means they can be expected to continue to deny additional funds for implementation. □

House approves budget with big spending cuts

JONATHAN WEISMAN
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WASHINGTON - The House narrowly approved a 10-year spending-and-tax plan on Thursday that says it would bring the federal budget into balance by 2024 by repealing President Barack Obama's health care law and cutting \$5.1 trillion in spending.

The budget - the fourth by Rep. Paul D. Ryan, R-Wis., the chairman of the House Budget Committee - is nonbinding and will go nowhere in the Senate. But it will become a central theme of this year's mid-term campaigns, as Republicans use the vote to prove they are tough on fiscal matters.

Democrats will pin on their opponents the deep cuts to education, food stamps and transportation, the transformation of Medicare and the tax rate cuts for the rich.

The measure passed the House, 219-205, with 12 Republicans and every Democrat voting no.

Ryan accused Democrats of being "paternalistic, arrogant and downright condescending" in opposing his vision of a far smaller government under which entitlement programs like food stamps and Medicaid are shrunk and turned into block grants to the states, and under which Medicare moves to a private insur-

ance program.

"Big government, in theory, it sounds compelling," he said. "In practice, it's totally different." Rep. Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., the House minority leader, countered:

government accounting began.

And Medicare would be converted into a "premium support" system, in which people 65 and older could buy private insurance with

White House contender in 2016, is assuming his cuts would prompt a burst of economic growth to raise tax revenues above what independent economists forecast. He also does not



House Budget Committee chair Paul Ryan (R-Wis.), left, leaves the Capitol after a House vote narrowly approving his budget plan, in Washington, April 10, 2014. The goal of the 10-year spending-and-tax plan is to bring the federal budget into balance by 2024, by repealing President Obama's health care law and cutting \$5.1 trillion in spending.

(Stephen Crowley/The New York Times)

"This is a road to recession. It always has been."

Military spending would increase under Ryan's plan, but domestic programs would be reduced to their lowest levels since modern

federal subsidies instead of receiving government-paid health care.

Even with those tough political choices, the budget would balance in 2024 only because Ryan, a possible

adjust the government's revenue ledger to reflect the cost of repealing the health care law's tax increases and Medicare cuts, which could total \$2 trillion. □

US balks at Venezuelan financier's effort to be freed

JOHN CHRISTOFFERSEN
Associated Press

NEW HAVEN, Connecticut (AP) — U.S. prosecutors are objecting to a request by a Venezuelan financier to be released from prison while he awaits sentencing in July in a fraud scheme, saying he's a flight risk.

The financier, Francisco Illarramendi, needs access and substantial time to review documents to challenge the loss amount, said his attorney, Stephan Seeger. He said conditions can be set to ensure his client's return to court and denied that Illarramendi, who is in prison in Bridge-

port, Connecticut, is a flight risk.

"I need him available more than I can have him available under the conditions that he finds himself in at Bridgeport," Seeger said. "The motion is about his ability to assist his counsel in a very unique financial matter." Illarramendi, who ran unregistered hedge funds out of Stamford, pleaded guilty in 2011 to several counts of fraud and conspiracy to obstruct justice. His biggest client was a pension fund for state oil workers in Venezuela.

The amount of losses has a substantial effect on the

length of sentence Illarramendi will receive. Prosecutors did not specify a loss amount in objecting to Illarramendi's request, but noted his plea agreement stated investors and creditors were exposed to the risk of suffering hundreds of millions of dollars in losses.

Prosecutors have said Illarramendi has extensive international ties and could face life in prison. They say Illarramendi already has already estimated the loss could exceed \$300 million. Illarramendi engaged in a multiyear scheme in which he lied repeatedly to investors and creditors as part of

a massive securities fraud and made up fraudulent documents to prevent a civil fraud investigation, prosecutors wrote in court papers this week. They also noted that a judge found earlier that he violated his bail conditions.

"Not only is Illarramendi a defendant who cannot be trusted, he is a serious flight risk given his history and connections," prosecutors wrote.

Seeger said there may have been no losses and the earlier estimate was simply Illarramendi responding to questions about potential losses. □



Object thrown at Hillary Clinton during speech

KEN RITTER

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS (AP) — A woman was taken into custody after throwing what she described as a shoe at Hillary Clinton as the potential presidential contender gave a speech in Las Vegas.

The incident happened moments after Clinton took the stage Thursday at an Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries meeting at the Mandalay Bay hotel-casino.

Clinton ducked but did not appear to be hit by the object, and then joked about it.

"Is that somebody throwing something at me? Is that part of Cirque de Soleil?" Clinton quipped.

In 2008, an Iraqi journalist threw a shoe at President George W. Bush during a news conference with Iraq's prime minister in Baghdad.



Former U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton ducks as an object is thrown on stage during an address to members of the Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries during their annual convention at the Mandalay Bay Convention Center, Thursday, April 10, 2014, in Las Vegas. Clinton, a possible presidential contender in 2016, ducked but did not appear to be hit by the object, and then joked about the incident. Security ushered out a woman who said she threw a shoe but didn't identify herself to reporters or explain the action.

(AP Photo/Las Vegas Sun, Steve Marcus)

In Las Vegas, Ilene Rosen, a witness and the wife of a conventioneer, was seated in the second row when she saw "something orange thrown from the side aisle with papers that fluttered in the air."

Rosen said the woman walked down the aisle and got about six rows from the front of the seating area when she threw the object. The woman then turned around, put her hands in the air and walked toward the back of the room before ushers caught up with her, Rosen said.

Security officers ushered out the woman, who said she threw a shoe but didn't identify herself to reporters or explain the action. Mark Carpenter, spokesman for the recycling institute, said she wasn't part of the convention. Authorities said she would be arrested.

Rosen said the object that went past Clinton lodged in a decoration at the back of the stage for a moment, but a security officer quickly grabbed it and took it off stage.

After her speech, Clinton answered questions posed by Jerry Simms, the outgoing chairman of the organization. Simms first offered what he called a "deepest apology for that crude interruption."

Clinton answered questions broadly, saying she felt politics today leads people to "do what they think will be rewarded."

An attendee later handed a reporter a piece of paper that was apparently thrown by the woman. □

GM puts 2 engineers on paid leave in recall case

TOM KRISHER

AP Auto Writer

DETROIT (AP) — General Motors has suspended two engineers with pay in the first disciplinary action linked to its delayed recall of thousands of small cars for a deadly ignition switch problem.

The action came after allegations during congressional hearings last week that at least one engineer tried to cover up the switch problem by fixing it without changing the part number. GM, in a statement Thursday, said the engineers

were placed on leave after a briefing from former U.S. Attorney Anton Valukas, whom GM has hired to figure out why the company was so slow to recall the cars.

GM says at least 13 people have been killed in crashes linked to the problem, but family members of those who died say the death toll is much higher.

Company spokesman Greg Martin would not identify the engineers.

"This is an interim step as we seek the truth about what happened," CEO Mary

Barra said in the statement. "It was a difficult decision, but I believe it is best for GM."

GM is recalling 2.6 million compact cars worldwide, including the Chevrolet Cobalt and Saturn Ion, to replace the switches.

During congressional hearings on the matter last week, Sen. Claire McCaskill accused one GM engineer of a cover-up.

Ray DeGiorgio, the lead switch engineer on the Cobalt, said in a deposition last year for a lawsuit against GM that he never

approved a change to the ignition switch. But McCaskill produced a document from GM's switch supplier that showed DeGiorgio signed off on a replacement, but with the same part number.

Failing to change a part number makes the part harder to track.

"What we don't know yet is how many people knew about the changing of the defective part and hiding that change behind using the same part number," McCaskill said after the hearing. □



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Lawyer: Stabbing suspect like 'deer in headlights'

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Associated Press

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The 16-year-old boy accused of stabbing 22 people at his high school was dazed "like a deer in the headlights" hours later and doesn't fully grasp what he did, his attorney said Thursday as he sketched out the beginnings of a possible mental health defense. Deepening the mystery of what set off the violence, attorney Patrick Thomassey said Alex Hribal had no history of mental illness or troublemaking, didn't abuse drugs and was no outcast at school, where the lawyer described him as a B or B-plus student.

"In a case like this, it's pretty obvious to me that there must be something inside this young man that nobody knew about," Thomassey told The Associated Press.

The local prosecutor, meanwhile, said Hribal remained an enigma.

"We have very little information about him," Westmoreland County District Attorney John Peck said, "except for the fact that he was a student, his age,



Amanda Leonard, right, looks to her son, Brett Hurt, 16, a sophomore at Franklin Regional High School, during a news conference at Forbes Regional Hospital, Thursday, April 10, 2014, in Monroeville, Pa. Hurt is one of the victims injured in the multiple stabbings at the high school in Murrysville, Pa., on Wednesday, April 9. Authorities have charged Alex Hribal, 16, with four counts of attempted homicide and 21 counts of aggravated assault in the attack.

(AP Photo/Keith Srakocic)

and how he was as a student."

President Barack Obama offered his sympathy and gratitude to the principal of a Pennsylvania school where a teenager stabbed 22 people.

The White House said Thursday that Obama called Principal Ron Suvak of Franklin Regional High School as the president flew home from a two-day trip to Texas.

White House spokesman

Jay Carney said Obama offered his deepest sympathies to those affected. He says Obama talked about the heroism of students, teachers and staff whose actions saved lives.

Ten boys remained hospitalized, three in critical condition.

On Thursday, authorities seized the computer belonging to the suspect's family as they searched for clues to Wednesday's rampage at Franklin Regional

High, outside Pittsburgh.

Authorities said Hribal armed himself with two kitchen knives and stabbed 21 students and a security guard before an assistant principal tackled him.

The slender, dark-haired boy who looks younger than his years was jailed without bail on four counts of attempted homicide and 21 counts of aggravated assault. Authorities

are prosecuting him as an adult, but Thomassey said he will try to have the case moved to juvenile court. He said he plans to get his client examined by a psychiatrist before a preliminary hearing on April 30.

"I think his mental state now is unstable. I'm not sure that he recognizes the enormity, if that's the word, of what has occurred," Thomassey said. □

Florida day care crash driver in custody

MATT SEDENSKY
PATRICK PETERSON
Associated Press

WINTER PARK, Florida (AP) — The driver accused of causing a crash at a Florida day care that killed a 4-year-old girl has been arrested.

Twenty-eight-year old Robert Alex Corchado turned himself in to police, who charged him with leaving the scene of a deadly accident. The Orange County Corrections Department says he's being held on

\$100,000 bond.

Police say Corchado crashed into another motorist, who in turn smashed into the day care center Wednesday, killing the girl and injuring 14 others. Ten people remain hospitalized.

Corchado has a lengthy criminal history. His attorney confirmed he turned himself in but declined to comment further.

Police had been searching for Corchado for almost a full day. □



This Thursday, April 10, 2014 booking photo provided by the Orange County Sheriff's Office shows Robert Alex Corchado, 28, after he was arrested and placed in the Orange County Jail in Orlando, Fla.

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California city declares Sriracha maker a nuisance

IRWINDALE, California (AP)

— A Southern California city has declared the factory that produces the popular Sriracha hot sauce a public nuisance.

The Irwindale City Council's action Wednesday night gives the factory 90 days to make changes to stop the spicy odors that prompted complaints from some residents last fall. Declaring a public nuisance will allow city officials to enter the factory and make changes if the odors persist after the deadline.

The decision came despite testimony by air-quality experts that progress was being made toward a resolution.

The South Coast Air Quality Management District said its inspectors have taken

air samples inside the plant, and believed the information gathered should allow the factory and the city to resolve their differences.

Attorney John Tate, who represents Sriracha maker Huy Fong Foods, Inc., said the company had been working with the AQMD on its filtration system since the complaints first arose and was committed to finding long-term solutions by June 1.

He called the public nuisance declaration a demonstration of "the city flexing its muscle and thumbing Huy Fong in the eye."

A call to Irwindale City Attorney Fred Galante was not immediately returned. Irwindale sued Huy Fong Foods last October, asking a judge to halt production



Sriracha chili sauce is produced at the Huy Fong Foods factory in Irwindale, Calif. The Irwindale City Council declared this week that the factory that produces the popular Sriracha hot sauce is a public nuisance. The action on Wednesday gives the factory 90 days to make changes to stop the spicy odors that prompted complaints from some residents last fall.

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at the company's factory, saying residents downwind complained that fumes from the grinding of red hot chili peppers was stinging their eyes and giving them headaches and coughing fits.

In November a judge ordered the company to stop producing the annoying odors, but by then the annual pepper-grinding season, which runs from August through October, had ended.

In the meantime, several residents complained that the smell was persisting as

Huy Fong Foods workers continued to bottle the popular hot sauce that is a staple in Asian restaurants and homes.

Data provided by the AQMD showed the majority of complaints came from four households.

Huy Fong Foods moved to Irwindale two years ago, opening a new \$40 million plant in the largely industrial city of 1,400 residents. The company was founded by Vietnamese immigrant David Tran, who began mixing up his distinctive sauce in a bucket at his home in 1980. □

General Motors making a new repair in recalled small cars

DEE-ANN DURBIN
AP Auto Writer

DETROIT (AP) — General Motors has to repair another part on the 2.6 million small cars already being recalled for an ignition switch defect.

That will add to GM's recall-related expenses. GM on Thursday said it expects to take a charge of \$1.3 billion in the first quarter, up from an earlier estimate of \$750 million. GM has announced recalls covering 6.3 million vehicles, and offered loaner cars for some

customers who are awaiting repairs.

GM is scheduled to report first-quarter earnings on April 24.

GM said it will replace ignition lock cylinders on all of the cars to make sure drivers can't remove the keys while the engine is running. It also may reprogram some keys. Right now, drivers can remove the key while the engine is still running, which could lead to a rollaway or crash, the company said. GM knows of one related injury due to the defect. □

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US Internet ad revenue surpasses broadcast

NEW YORK (AP) — For the first time, U.S. Internet advertising revenue has surpassed that of broadcast television thanks to sharp growth in mobile and digital video ads.

That's according to a report from the Interactive Advertising Bureau, which said Thursday that Internet advertising revenue rose 17 percent to a record \$42.8 billion in 2013. Broadcast TV ad revenue, in comparison, was \$40.1 billion in 2013.

Mobile advertising revenue more than doubled to \$7.1 billion from \$3.4 billion in 2012 as companies like Facebook, Google and Twitter boosted their mobile presence.

IAB is made up of more than 600 media and technology companies that sell most of the online advertising in the U.S. The report is based on a survey conducted by PricewaterhouseCoopers.

US Financial Front:

Applications for US jobless aid dip 32K to 300K

JOSH BOAK
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of people seeking U.S. unemployment benefits dropped to the lowest level in almost seven years, falling 32,000 last week to a seasonally adjusted 300,000.

The Labor Department said Thursday that the four-week average of applications, a less volatile measure, fell 4,750 to 316,250.

Fewer Americans sought benefits last week than at any point since the Great Recession began at the end of 2007. Applications are at their lowest level since May of that year.

Applications are a proxy for layoffs. The decrease suggests that employers expect stronger economic growth in the coming months and are holding onto their workers.

But Ian Shepherdson, chief economist at Pantheon Macroeconomics, cautioned that the drop-off might be smaller than it appears. He noted that the Easter holiday, which

moves from year-to-year, might have distorted the seasonal adjustments.

"We need to see a few more weeks' numbers before we can be sure where

Employers added 192,000 jobs in March, the Labor Department said last week. That follows gains of 197,000 in February, as the unemployment rate

factories, kept shoppers away from stores, and reduced home buying. That cut into growth and hiring. Employers added 144,000 jobs in January and only



A recruiter waits to meet with job seekers at a career fair, in King of Prussia, Pa. The Labor Department reported the number of people seeking U.S. unemployment benefits dropped to the lowest level in almost seven years, falling 32,000 last week to a seasonally adjusted 300,000, on Thursday April 10, 2014.

the trend now stands," Shepherdson said in a client note. "Our core view is that claims are drifting gently downwards."

stayed at 6.7 percent for the second straight month. Snowstorms and freezing temperatures in January and December shut down

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84,000 in December. More jobs and higher incomes will be needed to spur better overall economic growth. □

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American dieters move past calories, industry follows

CANDICE CHOI

AP Food Industry Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Obsessing over calories alone has left U.S. dieters with an empty feeling.

The calorie counting that defined dieting for so long is giving way to other considerations, like the promise of more fiber or natural in-

gredients. That is chipping away at the popularity of products like Diet Coke, Lean Cuisine and Special K, which became weight-watching staples primarily by stripping calories from people's favorite foods. Part of the problem: "Low-calorie" foods make people feel deprived. Now,

Americans now want to lose weight while still feeling satisfied. And they want to do it without foods they consider processed.

Kelly Pill has been dieting since her son was born in 1990. But the 54-year-old made changes to her approach in recent years. She doesn't eat Lean Cuisine

microwavable meals as often because she doesn't find them that filling. She also switched to Greek yogurt last year to get more protein.

"Regular yogurt is really thin," Pill said. "It was low in calories, but it wasn't filling." It's not that people don't care about calories anymore. Nutrition experts still say weight loss comes down to burning more calories than you eat.

But dieters are sick of foods that provide only fleeting satisfaction and seem to make them hungrier. The new thinking is that eating foods with more protein or fat keeps will make dieters less likely to binge later, even if they're higher in calories.

"People are recognizing that it's not enough to just go on a diet and lose weight. Nutrition comes more into play," said Margo Wootan, director of nutrition policy at the Center for Science in the Public Interest, a health advocacy group.

Many top brands are trying to keep up with the trend: — Special K cereal's sales are down 7 percent in the past two years, according to IRI, a market research firm based in Chicago. Kellogg last year rolled out "Special K Nourish" hot cereals that tout a blend of grains such as quinoa and barley. A Kellogg executive noted at the time that people are looking for nutritional benefits rather than

just reduced calories.

— Nestle's Lean Cuisine saw a 27 percent drop in sales in the past four years, according to IRI. So the company introduced an "Honestly Good" line that boasts of natural ingredients and offers more generous servings at about 390 calories per box, rather than the 300 calories for regular Lean Cuisine meals. — Both Diet Coke and Diet Pepsi saw sales volume fall by nearly 7 percent last year, according to the industry tracker Beverage Digest. That was steeper than declines for their full-calorie counterparts.

Executives at Coca-Cola Co. and PepsiCo Inc. blame customers' move away from artificial sweeteners and say they're working on sodas using natural low-calorie sweeteners. The drinks are likely to have more calories than traditional diet sodas, but the thinking is that people will accept the tradeoff to avoid artificial ingredients.

— Weight Watchers updated its famous "Points" system in 2010 to consider the protein content of food. It also introduced a "Simply Filling" option that lets people eat from a list of "power foods" without counting points.

"We know that while calories are calories, how satisfied you are with eating those calories makes a difference," said Karen Miller-Kovach, chief scientific officer at Weight Watchers. □



Boxes of Kellogg's Special K cereal are on display at a supermarket in an Omaha, Neb. The fixation on calorie counts that defined dieting for so long is giving way to other considerations, like the promise of more fiber or natural ingredients. The shift is chipping away at the popularity of products like Diet Coke, Lean Cuisine, Special K and Yoplait Light, which became dieting staples primarily by virtue of being calorie-stripped alternatives to people's favorite foods.

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US: Oil reserves highest since 1976

The Associated Press Crude oil reserves in the U.S. grew for the fourth straight year, reaching the highest level since 1976, according to an Energy Department report released Thursday. The report says reserves grew 4.5 billion barrels, or 15 percent, to 33 billion barrels in 2012. It was the biggest one-year jump since 1970. The U.S. consumed 6.9 billion barrels of crude-based fuels last year.

Drillers have learned how

to unlock oil trapped in rock formations once thought too expensive to tap, using horizontal drilling and hydraulic fracturing, a process known as fracking. North Dakota and Texas, home to the two most prolific of these formations, accounted for the vast majority of the increase.

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Putin: Ukraine debt threatens Europe gas supplies



Russian President Vladimir Putin speaks during a meeting with the People's Front activists in the Novo-Ogaryovo residence outside Moscow on Thursday, April 10, 2014. Vladimir Putin has reached out to European leaders to discuss Ukraine's growing gas debt to Moscow, according to the Russian president's press secretary.

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week — and his letter raises the specter of a new gas dispute between Russia and Ukraine that could affect much of Europe. In 2009, Moscow turned off gas supplies to Kiev in the dead of winter, leading to freezing cities across Eastern Europe as Russian gas stopped moving through Ukrainian pipelines to other nations.

In the letter, Putin said Ukraine owes Russia \$17 billion due to the termination of gas discounts and potentially another \$18.4 billion as a take-or-pay fine under their 2009 gas contract. He added that on top of that \$35.4 billion, Russia also holds \$3 billion in Ukrainian government bonds. The total amount is far greater than the es-

timated \$14 billion to \$18 billion bailout that the International Monetary Fund is considering for Ukraine.

Putin warned that Ukraine's mounting debt is forcing Moscow to demand advance payments for further gas supplies. He said that if Ukraine failed to make such payments, Russia's state-controlled gas giant Gazprom will "completely or partially cease gas deliveries."

Putin told the leaders that a shutdown of Russian gas supplies will increase the risk of Ukraine siphoning off gas intended for the rest of Europe and will make it difficult to accumulate sufficient reserves to guarantee uninterrupted delivery to European customers next winter. □

Associated Press

MOSCOW (AP) — Vladimir Putin warned Europe on Thursday that it may face a shutdown of Russian natural gas supplies if it fails to help Ukraine settle its enormous Russian gas bill — a debt that far exceeds a bailout package offered by the International Monetary Fund.

The Russian president's letter to 18 mostly Eastern European leaders, released Thursday by the Kremlin, aimed to divide the 28-nation European Union and siphon off to Russia the billions that the international community plans to lend to Ukraine. It was all part of Russia's efforts to retain control over its struggling neighbor, which is teetering on the verge of financial ruin and facing a pro-Russian separatist mutiny in the east.

Putin's message is clear: The EU has tried to lure Ukraine from Russia's orbit and into its fold, so it should now foot Ukraine's gas bill

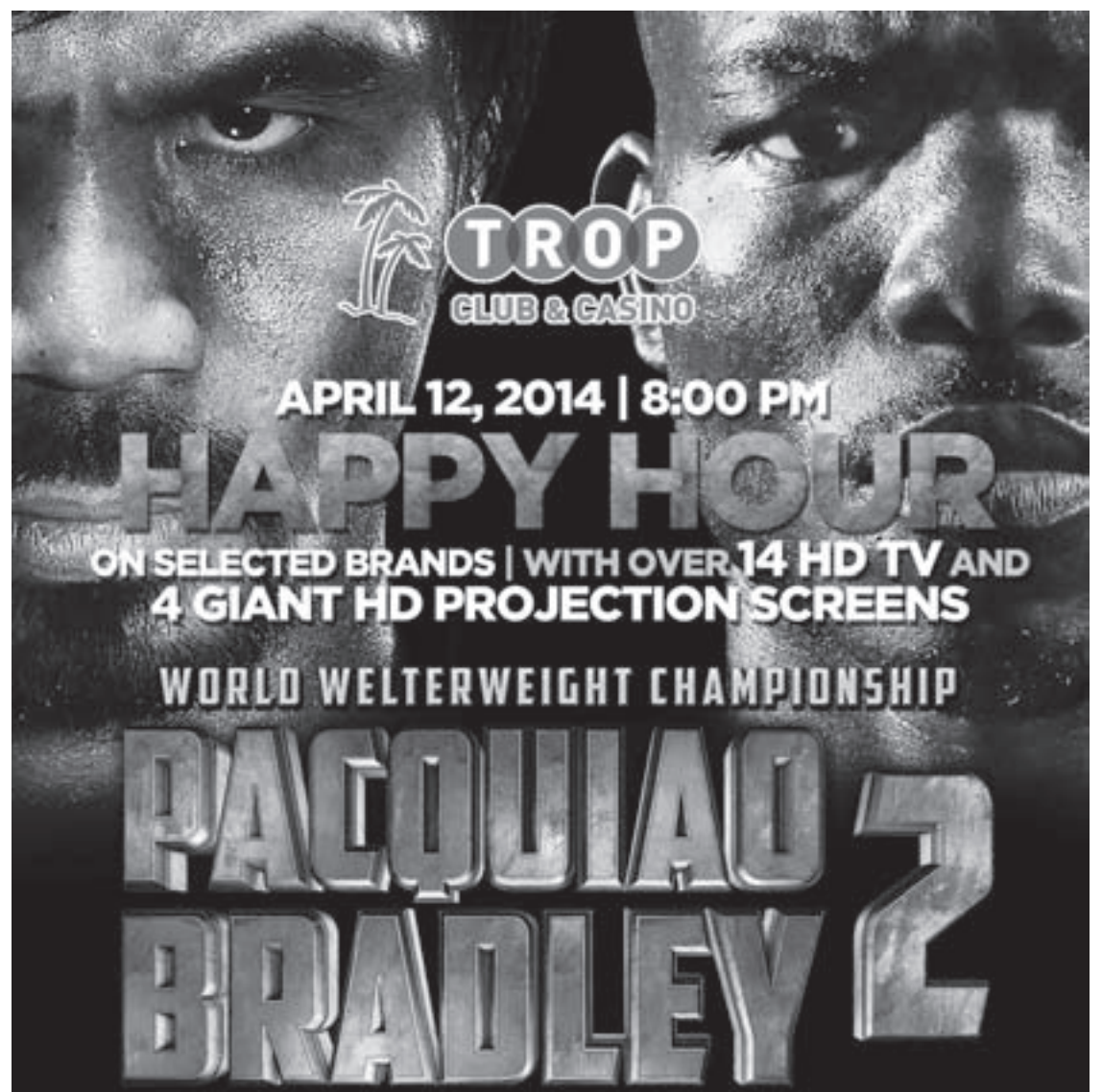
— or face the country's economic collapse and a disruption of its own gas supplies.

The tough warning raises the ante ahead of international talks on settling the Ukrainian crisis that for the first time will bring together the United States, the European Union, Russia and Ukraine.

The U.S. State Department on Thursday condemned what it called "Russia's efforts to use energy as a tool of coercion against Ukraine."

Hundreds of pro-Russian protesters — some armed — were still occupying Ukrainian government buildings in Donetsk and Luhansk while authorities sought a peaceful solution Thursday to the five-day standoff. And in northwest Romania, U.S. and Romanian forces kicked off a week of joint military exercises.

The amount that Putin claims Ukraine owes is growing by billions every



Students end 24-day siege of Taiwan's Parliament

GLADYS TSAI

Associated Press

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — Students ended their unprecedented, 24-day occupation of Taiwan's Parliament late Thursday after receiving assurances that a Chinese trade pact they see as imperiling the island's autonomy would undergo legislative review.

The pact would allow Chinese and Taiwanese service companies, including banking, telecommunication and tourism firms, to operate in each other's territory. Opponents who fear it could cost Taiwan jobs or even its democracy also criticized the ruling party's attempt to push the pact through without a detailed review. "Taiwan's representative politics have already completely lost their function," said Chiang Chi-ji, a spokesman for the students, reading out a statement in the evening from inside the Parliament building. "The government's 'black-box' decision making obstructed the people's participation."

Chiang said the students



Chen Wei-ting, left, and Lin Fei-fan, leaders of the student protests against a trade pact with China, give closing speeches before vacating the legislature in Taipei, Taiwan, Thursday, April 10, 2014. The students who have occupied Taiwan's Parliament for 24 days left Thursday evening after receiving assurances the deal they see as imperiling the island's autonomy would undergo legislative review.

felt that the trade pact must protect Taiwan's national security, democratic freedom, cultural identity and environment.

The students, many of whom wore black T-shirts with printed slogans, filed

out of the building to raucous cheers from a crowd of thousands of supporters who had gathered to welcome them. Some of the student leaders walked onto a stage facing the supporters and bowed toward them.

President Ma Ying-jeou's

ruling party had attempted on March 17 to skip a promised detailed legislative review of the trade deal ahead of its ratification. A day later, hundreds of student protesters stormed Parliament, marking the start of an unprecedented siege, followed by a short

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occupation of Cabinet offices and a rally drawing more than 200,000 protesters.

The protesters at first demanded that the trade deal be withdrawn, but they agreed to end their siege when parliamentary speaker Wang Jin-pyng promised Sunday to first enact legislation requiring more public consultation, including public hearings, for trade deals, and to apply the measure to the current trade pact before it is ratified. "It's not an end, it's a beginning," said Hung Syuan-Wei, an 18-year-old high school student who spent 20 of the past 24 days at the protest site helping to collect trash and organize events. "There will be many more actions from now on. Thanks to the student leaders who were willing to stand up, more people are aware of what's going on now."

Taku Hsu, 31, who works at a TV station, said she saw the protests as an expression of the public's long-suppressed anger against the government for mishandling social issues. □



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Pope meets ex-sex slaves, denounces trafficking

NICOLE WINFIELD

Associated Press

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope Francis denounced human trafficking as a crime against humanity Thursday after meeting with four women who were trafficked and forced into prostitution.

Francis attended a Vatican conference of church workers, charity representatives and police chiefs from 20 nations, Interpol and Europol who pledged greater cooperation to prevent trafficking and encourage its victims to come forward to police.

"Human trafficking is an open wound on the body of contemporary society, a scourge upon the body of Christ," Francis said.

"It is a crime against humanity."

The pope met privately with freed sex slaves from his native Argentina, Chile,

Hungary and the Czech Republic. Three of them addressed the conference, which issued a final statement pledging to develop strategies to do more to prevent trafficking, care for victims and help them reintegrate into society once freed.

"Our strategy must work across all borders, languages cultures and religious beliefs," Interpol's secretary general, Ronald Noble, told the group.

"The 'merchants' do not care about these differences, indeed they thrive on them, as they have done for years."

Attending were police chiefs from countries where women are routinely trafficked for sex, including Nigeria, Romania, Poland and Albania.

Francis has made combating human trafficking and slavery a priority of his pa-

pacy. The Vatican recently joined forces with the Anglican Church and Al-Azhar university, the world's foremost seat of Sunni learning, in an anti-slavery initiative.

Yet only about 1 percent of all trafficking victims denounce their smugglers to police and seek assistance, said Sir Bernard Hogan-Howe, the metropolitan police commissioner in London which has formed a partnership with the Westminster archdiocese to care for victims. Many victims fear coming forward, thinking they will be judged, deported or prosecuted when in fact law enforcement and the church want to offer them a "sanctuary," he said.

The conference, dubbed the "Santa Marta Group" after Francis' Vatican hotel where participants stayed, meets again in London in November. □



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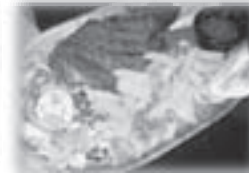
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Dogged prosecutor depicts Pistorius as a selfish bully

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Oscar Pistorius, the South African athlete accused of murdering his girlfriend, faced new questions Thursday from a dogged prosecutor intent on depicting him as a narcissistic bully who routinely berated her and recklessly carried a loaded gun everywhere he went.

"It's all about I. It's all about Mr. Pistorius," the pugnacious state prosecutor, Gerrie Nel, repeatedly told the judge and observers gathered in the courtroom in Pretoria, South Africa, where the trial is being held.

Referring to Pistorius' girlfriend, Reeva Steenkamp, he added, "Reeva believed you treated her very badly."

The televised trial has offered two starkly competing narratives of the world's most famous disabled athlete. In the one, Pistorius, 27, a double-amputee Paralympian, is a loving boyfriend who, vulnerable without his prosthetic legs, accidentally shot Steenkamp, 29, from outside a locked bathroom door in his Pretoria home as he tried to fend off what he believed were intruders. In the other, he is a temperamental and gun-loving hothead who killed Steenkamp in a violent rage after an argument, and then dismembered to cover his tracks.

On Thursday, Nel, whose aggressive style has earned him the nickname Pit Bull, sought to puncture Pistorius' testimony that his relationship with Steenkamp, a law school graduate and reality television star, was loving.

During an earlier cross-examination, he had reduced Pistorius to tears by showing the court a video of Pistorius shooting a watermelon and causing it to explode and then juxtaposing that with a photograph of Steenkamp's bloodied head, with her brains pouring out.

Nel is revered for his toughness in his native South Africa, where he has been a prosecutor for three decades. In 2008, he was arrested on trumped-up fraud charges by 20 officers while investigating a former national police commissioner, according to accounts in the South African news media. The charges were eventually dropped, and he went on to win a corruption conviction against the commissioner, in part by rattling him with an endless barrage of verbal attacks and questions.

On Thursday, Nel read out text messages, including an exchange in which Pistorius mocked Steenkamp for speaking in "annoying" accents. In one episode, he told her to stop chewing gum in public. In another, Nel said, Steenkamp objected to Pistorius' playing a rap song whose lyrics include an expletive and the words "Don't Kill My Vibe." He asked Pistorius why a review of text messages had not yielded a single exchange of "I love you" between them. "I never got the opportunity to tell Reeva that I loved her," Pistorius replied wistfully.

Pistorius has denied a charge of premeditated murder, which carries a minimum jail term of 25 years.

He says he shot Steenkamp by mistake. □



Paralympic athlete Oscar Pistorius, accused of murdering girlfriend Reeva Steenkamp, arrives for trial at the North Gauteng High Court in Pretoria, South Africa, April 10, 2014. Depicted as a temperamental and gun-loving hothead, Pistorius faced new questions Thursday from the state prosecutor about his relationship with Steenkamp and his past experiences firing guns, but remained firm that the murder was an accident.

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Bomb explodes outside Bank of Greece in Athens

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Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — A bomb exploded outside a Bank of Greece building in central Athens before dawn Thursday, causing some damage but no injuries.

The blast came hours before Greece was to return to the international bond markets for the first time in four years, and a day before German Chancellor Angela Merkel was to visit Athens.

The explosion was heard throughout the area, a largely commercial zone which is one of the Greek capital's most central, a few blocks away from the Greek parliament. It was preceded by two anonymous calls to a news website and a newspaper warning that a bomb had been planted in a car outside the central bank building.

As dawn broke, television footage showed the charred remnants of a car in the middle of the street, with only two wheels still

recognizable. Debris was strewn around. Forensic experts in white coveralls began combing through the blast site and inspecting the wreckage.

Police cordoned off all

roads leading to the area. Gaggles of office workers unable to access their offices gathered in nearby cafes.

A police officer at the scene, who spoke on con-

dition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the media, said the bank building and surrounding buildings had suffered some damage — mainly broken windows.

The news website that received one of the anonymous calls at 5:11 a.m. local time (0211 GMT) said the caller warned a bomb containing 75 kilograms (150 pounds) of explosives had been planted in a car and would explode in 45 minutes' time. The explosion occurred at about 6 a.m.

The attack comes as financially stricken Greece returns to borrowing on the international bond market. The country announced Wednesday it was issuing a five-year bond — its first since it became locked out of international markets in 2010.

The government has hailed the return to the bond market as proof that the country is emerging from its deep financial crisis.

"The evident target of the attackers is to change this image, and change the agenda," government spokesman Simos Kedikoglou said on an early morning television news show. "We will not allow the attackers to achieve their aim."

Since 2010, Greece has relied on funds from an international bailout, in return for which it has imposed deeply resented spending cuts, tax hikes and labor market reforms.

Greece's economy has shrunk by a quarter, while unemployment hovers at 28 percent.

Greece has a long history of domestic militant groups who plant usually small bombs late at night that rarely cause injuries. Although the country's deadliest terrorist group, November 17, was eradicated and its members jailed in the early 2000s, several newer groups are still active. □



Police bomb disposal experts search for evidence next to the remains of a car after a car bomb explosion in central Athens on Thursday, April 10, 2014. A bomb exploded outside a Bank of Greece building in central Athens before dawn Thursday, causing some damage but no injuries. The blast came hours before Greece was to return to the international bond markets for the first time in four years, and a day before German Chancellor Angela Merkel was to visit Athens.

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Crisis deepens at Co-op Group as director quits

JILL LAWLESS
Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — The man brought in four months ago to help fix Britain's Co-operative Group is resigning, the company said Thursday, deepening the crisis at one of the country's most venerable businesses.

Britain's largest mutual society, active in everything from food to funerals to financial services, the Co-op is torn between the egalitarian principles on which it was founded in 1844 and the demands of 21st-century business.

Paul Myners, a former government Treasury minister and a member of the House of Lords, was hired in December as an independent director to oversee a review of the Co-op's governance, in the wake of big losses at the group's banking arm. But his recommendations have drawn strong opposition from within the organization. The Co-op said Myners would leave the board after a May 17 annual general meeting at which his proposals will be presented to members.

His resignation comes a

month after Chief Executive Euan Sutherland quit, deeming the troubled organization ungovernable. The Co-op Group has built its image on old-fashioned values. It has no shareholders but is owned by its members, and had billed itself as an alternative to the corporate greed that brought down many other banks in the wake of the 2008 global financial crisis. But it ran into trouble after its 2009 acquisition of the Britannia Building society and its aborted interest in the purchase of 630

branches from another U.K. lender, Lloyds Bank.

Last year, faced with a 1.5 billion-pound (\$2.4 billion) black hole in its banking division, the Co-op agreed to a rescue plan giving hedge funds a huge share of its operations — to the outrage of many of the group's 7 million members. The Co-op's squeaky-clean image was sullied even further when its former banking chairman, Methodist minister Paul Flowers, was filmed by a tabloid newspaper allegedly buying hard drugs. □



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de Windt for the last twelve years. They are the reason to step on board together with the beautiful view and tropical breeze. Although they book the snorkel and sail tour every year they do not snorkel. "We just want to be on board and feel like one of the crew", they said.

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AME Lunch & Business Session unfolds at the Radisson Resort Casino & Spa



PALM BEACH - The Sunset Grille Restaurant at the Radisson Aruba Resort Casino & Spa was buzzing with activity as Aruba Meets Europe, AMS, delegates enjoyed a delicious business lunch, a welcome respite in their otherwise busy agenda.

Immediately following lunch they joined a work-session at the Grand Caribbean Ballroom, focusing on the island's relationship with its European travel partners. The AME event drew a record attendance of Aruba's hoteliers and hospital-

ity executives this year, as they networked and convened with dignitaries from Europe, representing travel companies, airlines and press. The event, co-sponsored by the Aruba Hotel & Tourism Association, showcased the Radisson Aruba



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Conclusions of the IX Monitoring and Selection Committees of the Interreg Caraïbes IV program in Saint-Martin

SAINT MARTIN - Mrs. Josette Borel Lincertin, President of the Regional Council of Guadeloupe, the management authority of the INTERREG Caraïbes cooperation programme, presided over the monitoring and selection committees of the mechanism in presence of the Ambassador with responsibility for regional cooperation in the Caribbean, Presidents of the Regional Councils of Martinique and French Guiana, the President of the Territorial Council of Saint-Martin, the Prefectures, the Association of Caribbean States (ACS), the Caribbean Export Development Agency (CEDA) and representatives of the European Commission.

The convening of these committees was an opportunity to demonstrate the benefits for the French territories and for the wider Caribbean of innovative and exemplary projects such as: CaribcomX, led by the Dauphin Telecom company, regarding the networking of Caribbean telephone operators in order to reduce the costs of communication, the establishment of an inter-Caribbean HIV observatory led by the Pointe-à-Pitre University Hospital, the project led by the Office of Tourism of

Sainte-Marie in Martinique, on the enhancement and promotion of the shared cultural patrimony of the Caribbean, the "72 hour autonomy" project led by the Red Cross regarding the first steps to be taken while awaiting the arrival of relief in the event of a major disaster, particularly in isolated communities.

It was also the opportunity to debrief on: the advancement of work regarding the future INTERREG programme for the period 2014/2020, the imminent accession of Guadeloupe and Martinique to regional cooperation organisations in the zone, the advancement of arrangements for the interaction of financial instruments between the European Development Fund (EDF) and the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF).

The selection and monitoring committees also pronounced their opinion on opportunities for the financing of projects related to issues as varied as the structuring of the fashion industry, the establishment of a mechanism for the appointment of territorial diplomats, the capitalisation of contributions from the diaspora and the establishment of a health observatory. □

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Armstrong provides names in testimony

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AP Sports Writer

AUSTIN, Texas (AP)—Lance Armstrong has given sworn testimony naming several people he says knew about his performance-enhancing drug use, insisting he didn't pay anyone or any organization to keep his doping secret.

The testimony came in written answers to questions in a lawsuit that was settled in late 2013. The previously undisclosed documents were filed this week as part of the federal whistle-blower lawsuit over his team's sponsorship by the U.S. Postal Service that could lead to fines in excess of \$100 million.

Armstrong said those who provided him with performance-enhancing drugs included trainer Pepi Marti, Dr. Pedro Celaya, Dr. Luis Garcia del Moral and Dr. Michele Ferrari, all of whom were involved with Armstrong's teams or part of his entourage. He also said team manager Johan Bruyneel assisted his doping. Each of them has previously denied they aided Armstrong's doping.

Armstrong also said he believed former U.S. Postal Team financier Thomas Weisel knew of his doping, which Weisel has denied. After years of denials, Armstrong first admitted doping during his career in an interview with Oprah Winfrey in January 2013.

His testimony is part of a lawsuit filed by Acceptance Insurance, which wanted repayment of \$3 million in performance bonuses paid to him.

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Haas leads at Augusta National

Bill Haas holds up his ball after a birdie putt on the 18th hole during the first round of the Masters golf tournament Thursday, April 10, 2014, in Augusta, Ga.
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Blue Jackets clinch second playoff berth

The Associated Press

DALLAS (AP) — Artem Anisimov and Mark Letestu added goals to the one Columbus already had when the makeup game started, and the Blue Jackets clinched the second playoff berth in franchise history with a 3-1 victory over the Dallas Stars on Wednesday night.

The Blue Jackets had a 1-0 lead when the puck dropped because that was the score March 10, the night the original game was postponed after Dallas forward Rich Peverley collapsed on the bench because of an irregular heartbeat.

The Blue Jackets set a franchise record with 42 wins, beating the previous mark from their only other playoff season in 2008-09. Anisimov doubled the margin on an unassisted goal just 1:33 into the game. That was 71 seconds faster than the goal last month by Nathan Horton, who got credit for it even though he didn't officially play because he missed the makeup game with a lower-body injury.

The Stars scored when they pulled goalie Tim Thomas for a 6-on-4 power play with 13 minutes left in the

game. Columbus goalie Sergei Bobrovsky made a sprawling save before Trevor Daley punched in a rebound in a crowd in front of the net.

PENGUINS 4, RED WINGS 3, SO

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Jussi Jokinen scored in regulation and then got the game-winner in the shootout, lifting Pittsburgh past playoff-bound Detroit. James Neal scored two power-play goals in regulation — his 25th and 26th of the season — for Pittsburgh, which got defenseman Kris Letang back for the first time since he suffered a stroke 10 weeks ago.

Tomas Jurco, Jakub Kindl and Riley Sheahan scored for the Red Wings, who are headed to the postseason for the 23rd straight time. Penguins' goalie Marc-Andre Fleury had 34 saves through overtime and stopped all three attempts in the shootout, including a spinning acrobatic glove save on Daniel Alfredsson to preserve the win.

BLACKHAWKS 3, CANADIENS 2, OT

CHICAGO (AP) — Patrick Sharp set up Marian Hossa's tying goal in the final minute of regulation and



Chicago Blackhawks goalie Corey Crawford (50), left, reacts after Montreal Canadiens' Dale Weise (22) scored a goal during the third period of an NHL hockey game in Chicago, Wednesday, April 9, 2014. The Blackhawks won 3-2 in overtime.
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then scored the game-winner 43 seconds into overtime to lift Chicago. Jeremy Morin also scored in the Blackhawks' fourth straight win overall, and their first in overtime this season after seven losses. Sharp scored the winner on a shot from the slot that struck Montreal goalie Peter Budaj, rolled high off his equipment, ticked off the left post and landed in the net.

Hossa had tipped in Sharp's feed from the right corner left to tie the game at 2 with 47.7 seconds left in the third period.

Dale Weise and Francis Bouillon scored for Montreal.

DUCKS 5, SHARKS 2

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Patrick Maroon scored two

goals, John Gibson made 36 saves in his second NHL start, and Anaheim clinched its second straight Pacific Division title.

Corey Perry scored his 43rd goal as the Ducks finished off the second-place Sharks with a three-goal third period to earn the first back-to-back division titles in franchise history.

Matt Beleskey also scored for the Ducks as they pushed one point ahead of St. Louis for the overall lead in the Western Conference, although the Blues have a game in hand.

Jason Demers and Logan Couture scored for the Sharks, who have lost four of six down the stretch. Antti Niemi allowed three goals on 19 shots before getting pulled.

FLAMES 4, KINGS 3, SO
CALGARY, Alberta (AP) — Sean Monahan scored his 21st goal and then got the shootout winner as surging Calgary won its fourth straight.

T.J. Galiardi and Matt Stajan also scored in regulation for Calgary, which has won seven of its last 10. Jarret Stoll, Anze Kopitar and Jordan King scored for playoff-bound Los Angeles, which is locked into third spot in the Pacific Division. The Kings are 1-3-1 in their last five.

Tied 1-1 in the shootout after three attempts with Marian Gaborik scoring for Los Angeles and Jiri Hudler for Calgary, Monahan sent a shot past Jonathan Quick for his fourth shootout winner of the season. □

Armstrong

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Armstrong settled the case for an undisclosed sum before he was scheduled to answer questions in person under oath. His written answers are now part of the federal whistle-blower case initially filed by Armstrong's former teammate Floyd Landis. The federal government has joined the case.

Armstrong has so far refused to provide sworn testimony to the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency. It was

USADA's detailed report in 2012 of drug use by Armstrong's U.S. Postal Service team that led to him being stripped of the seven Tour de France titles he won from 1999 to 2005.

USADA has questioned whether Armstrong paid officials at the International Cycling Union to keep his doping secret. Armstrong has said in interviews that former UCI president Hein Verbruggen helped him cover up doping at the 1999 Tour de France, a charge Verbruggen has denied.

In his written answers,



In this Feb. 15, 2011, file photo, Lance Armstrong pauses during an interview in Austin, Texas.
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Armstrong insisted there was not payment for a cover-up.

"Armstrong has not paid

or offered to pay someone to keep his or others' doping a secret," Armstrong said. "However,

Armstrong has, on occasion, provided benefits or made contributions to many people and institutions, some of whom may have been aware of, or suspected Armstrong's use of performance-enhancing drugs and banned methods. Armstrong never provided any such benefits or contributions with the intent for it to be a payoff to keep doping a secret."

Armstrong also maintained his claim that he did not cheat during his comeback in 2009-2010. He finished third in the 2009 Tour de France. □

Haas leads, with a pair of Masters champs 1 back

DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — No nerves. No worries. Adam Scott never knew the opening round at Augusta National could be so enjoyable.

With his green jacket upstairs in the locker room for Masters champions, Scott made only one bad swing that cost him two shots in a round of 3-under 69. It was the lowest opening score by a defending champion in 13 years, and it left Scott one shot behind leader Bill Haas on an otherwise demanding day.

"It was really how you hope to come out and play at any major, and especially the Masters," Scott said. "And there's no doubt winning the Masters last year had me a little more comfortable on the first tee than I've ever been in the past, because I didn't have the legs shaking and nerves jangling for six or seven holes like usual."

Haas, with a rich family history at Augusta that includes a green jacket for his great uncle Bob Goalby, settled down after an opening bogey with a collection of good birdie putts and an 8-iron to 5 feet for birdie on the 18th for a 68. It was the first time in 18 majors that Haas has had the lead after any round. That only gets him a crystal vase for the low round of the day at the Masters. Haas knows better than to put too much stock into what happens Thursday. He was leading after the opening round in Houston last week and tied for 37th.

"There's tons of golf left," he said.

Only one first-round leader in the last 30 years has gone on to win the Masters.

Former Masters champion Bubba Watson, who slipped that green jacket on Scott last year, played his first bogey-free round in a major since the 2009 U.S. Open and shot a 69. So did Louis Oosthuizen, whom Watson beat in a playoff at Augusta.

They were the only players to break 70, the fewest for an opening round at the Masters since 2007.

"No one is really going crazy out there in perfect, perfect conditions," Graeme McDowell said after fighting to salvage a 72.

But there was something about the way Scott played that grabbed most of the attention on such a gorgeous spring day in the South. Golf has been waiting for a star to take control all year, even more without Tiger Woods at Augusta for the first time in 20 years because of back surgery. Scott was in control of his emotions and his game all day — except for once.

Walking over to the heart of Amen Corner, the fans behind the 12th tee rose in unison to cheer the champ. "The memory that will stick with me forever today was walking up to the 12th tee and everyone getting out of their seats as I approached there," Scott said. "It was great, the level of respect that everyone has for this golf tournament and what happens here."

"But then," he said with a

smile, "I went and hit it in the water."

Scott's tee shot bounced off the front slope and into Rae's Creek — amazingly, he said it was his first shot into the water on that hole — and he made double bogey to fall out of the outright lead. He picked up a birdie on the 14th, and three-putted for par on both the par 5s on the back nine.

Still, there were few complaints.

Augusta National officials knew this would be a gentle day of weather, and it was clear they made sure the course was anything but that. The hole locations were severe for an opening round. With endless sunshine, the greens became firmer and quicker by the hour.

So many others paid the price.

Jason Dufner took a quadruple-bogey 9 on the 13th hole with only one penalty shot. The worst of his woes was a wedge from the drop area that didn't even make it to the creek. He wound up with an 80 in his first round in a major since winning the PGA Championship last summer.

He was in good company. Phil Mickelson had a pair of 7s on his card for the first time in five years at a major, and his 76 matched the highest opening round at Augusta for the three-time Masters champion. U.S. Open champion Justin Rose shot 40 on the front and scrambled for a 76.

Jason Day had a 75 in his first event in six weeks.

Vijay Singh also opened



Adam Scott, of Australia, reacts to a missed putt on the 17th green during the first round of the Masters golf tournament Thursday, April 10, 2014, in Augusta, Ga.

Associated Press

with a 69 when he was the defending champion in 2001, but that was different. Conditions were easier that year, and Singh was four shots behind. On this day, only 19 players broke par.

Jimmy Walker, Kevin Stadler and Jonas Blixt — among the record 24 newcomers to the Masters — were in the group at 70. The group at 71 included young (20-year-old Jordan Spieth) and old (54-year-old Fred Couples), and a

former No. 1 in Rory McIlroy.

"It was just on one of those days it was tough to get it close to the hole," McIlroy said. "Anything under par today was a good score." And it felt even better when one of those scores belonged to a Masters champion — in this case, two of them. Watson was asked about his comfort level at Augusta.

"The comfort level is knowing you have a green jacket already," he said. □

Old guys get it done in opening round at Masters

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AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — In a tournament packed with a bunch of young newcomers, the 50-and-over crowd made a bit of a stand in the first round of the Masters. Miguel Angel Jimenez was leading the tournament for a time before stumbling on the back nine. Fred Couples was on the leaderboard himself before tying the 50-year-

old Jimenez with a 1-under 71 that left both players three shots off the lead. And former champion Bernard Langer managed to shoot even par in his 31st Masters. "A 72 is not that shabby," the 56-year-old Langer said. Not shabby at all, though the Masters is the one major championship where older players tend to do well. Jack Nicklaus finished in a tie for sixth here at the age of 58

in 1998, while Couples always seems to be hanging around the lead in the early rounds. Power still counts, but sometimes the older players can make up for it by knowing where to put the ball and being crafty.

"It's hard for anyone. There are a lot of young guys that can hit the ball a long ways," said Jimenez, who was 4 under and in the lead before making bogey on No. 11 and double on

12 after hitting it in the water. "I don't hit the ball that far, but I hit it and it goes straight to the flag, you know. It's nice to see that I'm being competitive with all the guys."

Couples, who won the 1992 Masters, said he feels like he can still play Augusta National and compete with younger players, though he concedes he would have to get some breaks to put on another



green jacket on Sunday.

"Can a 50-year-old win here?" the 54-year-old Couples asked. "I think so. I'm one of them." □

Pacers rest starters, move back into 1st place

The Associated Press

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Chris Copeland's driving layup with 1.2 seconds remaining gave the Indiana Pacers a 104-102 victory over the Milwaukee Bucks on Wednesday night that moved them back into first place in the Eastern Conference. NBA Capsules

Copeland finished with a season-high 18 points. Luis Scola also recorded a season high with 24 points and Evan Turner added 23 for Indiana, which benched all of its usual starters for the entire game.

Coach Frank Vogel made the move after saying his team appeared tired following a 107-88 home loss to Atlanta on Sunday, when the Pacers were held to a franchise-low 23 points in the first half.

Even without the starters, Indiana moved a half-game ahead of the Heat heading into Friday's matchup in Miami.

GRIZZLIES 107, HEAT 102

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Zach Randolph had 25 points and 11 rebounds, Marc Gasol added 20 points and 14 rebounds and Memphis kept its play-

off hopes alive with a victory over Miami.

LeBron James led the Heat with 37 points, connecting on 14 of 23 shots, including 3 of 5 from beyond the arc. Rashard Lewis scored 17, and Chris Bosh finished with 13 points. Mario Chalmers scored 12 points for the Heat.

Meanwhile, the loss, coupled with the Indiana Pacers' 104-102 win at Milwaukee, dropped the Heat into the second spot in the Eastern Conference.

Mike Conley finished with a team-high 26 points and handed out six assists as Memphis remained one game behind the Phoenix Suns for the final playoff spot in the Western Conference.

The Suns defeated the New Orleans Pelicans 94-88 also on Wednesday night.

BOBCATS 94, WIZARDS 88, OT

WASHINGTON (AP) — Kemba Walker made the only field goal for either team in overtime, and Charlotte won its fifth straight and moved into position for the No. 6 seed in the Eastern Conference with a win over Washington.



Milwaukee Bucks' Ramon Sessions, left, tries to stop the shot of Indiana Pacers' Donald Sloan during the second half of an NBA basketball game on Wednesday, April 9, 2014, in Milwaukee.

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Walker made a 3-pointer and a pair of free throws in the extra session

, and Al Jefferson added two free throws to account for all of the Bobcats' post-regulation scoring. Charlotte went 1 for 7 from the field, while Washington was 0 for 8 and got its only point

from a free throw by John Wall with 34 seconds remaining.

Jefferson finished with 20 points and 18 rebounds, and Walker had 17 points and 12 assists, for the Bobcats, who have their longest winning streak since March 2010 — the

only other season the franchise has made the playoffs.

CAVALIERS 122, PISTONS 100

CLEVELAND (AP) — Dion Waiters scored 22 points and Cleveland played one of its best games this season, routing Detroit before being eliminated from the playoff chase.

Tyler Zeller scored 18 and rookie Matthew Dellavedova had 14 points and 12 assists for Cleveland, which had its playoff hopes ended when Atlanta defeated Boston 105-97.

As the Hawks were rallying to take down the Celtics, the Cavs played with passion and purpose — two things missing too often earlier this season.

Spencer Hawes added 15 points for the Cavs,

who led by 32 at half and rolled to one of their best all-around performances in what has been an otherwise disappointing season.

HAWKS 105, CELTICS 97

ATLANTA (AP) — Jeff Teague scored 19 points, Kyle Korver added 17 and Atlanta helped its playoff chances with a victory over Boston. □

Ortiz's 3-run homer in the 8th lifts Red Sox

The Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — David Ortiz hit a three-run homer high over the Pesky Pole in the eighth inning, helping the Boston Red Sox rally for a 4-2 victory over the Texas Rangers on Wednesday.

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Ortiz's second homer was heading down the right-field line before it curled around the pole just 302 feet from home plate.

Ortiz remained in the batter's box until first-base umpire Jerry Meals signaled a home run.

Rangers manager Ron Washington came out after Ortiz crossed the plate to ask for a review. After 44.1 seconds, the play was

upheld.

Andrew Miller (1-0) won despite allowing the go-ahead run in the top of the eighth, and Koji Uehara pitched the ninth for his second save. Alexi Ogando (0-1) was the loser.

ORIOLES 5, YANKEES 4

NEW YORK (AP) — Nick Markakis had an RBI single in the ninth inning against fill-in closer Shawn Kelley, and Baltimore rallied for a victory in Masahiro Tanaka's first Yankee Stadium start.

Jonathan Schoop hit a three-run homer off Tanaka in the second inning of his first start at Yankee Stadium but Carlos Beltran and Kelly Johnson connected against Miguel Gonzalez in

the bottom of the inning.

The Orioles, who managed seven hits while striking out 10 times against Tanaka in seven innings, lined four straight singles to center field off Kelley (0-1). Tommy Hunter gave up a run before getting Yanger-vis Solarte to ground into a double play for his third save. Brian Matusz got two outs (1-0) for the win.

BLUE JAYS 7, ASTROS 3

TORONTO (AP) — Brett Lawrie hit a two-run homer and Brandon Morrow won for the first time in almost 11 months.

Alex Presley hit a two-run homer for the Astros, who have lost six of seven following a 2-0 start.

Morrow (1-1), limited to 10



Boston Red Sox's David Ortiz watches his three-run homer in front of Texas Rangers catcher Robinson Chirinos during the eighth inning of a baseball game at Fenway Park in Boston, Wednesday, April 9, 2014.

starts last season with a nerve injury in his forearm, won for the first time since May 23, 2013, when he beat Baltimore.

He allowed three runs and five hits in six innings and struck out nine.

Steve Delabar got one out in the ninth but had to

leave after he was hit on the lower right leg by Jose Altuve's liner. Esmil Rogers finished.

Jose Bautista hit an RBI double in the first and Adam Lind added an RBI single as the Blue Jays jumped out to a quick lead against Lucas Harrell (0-2). □

Hamilton's speed helps Reds beat Cardinals 4-0

The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Billy Hamilton had three hits and his first two steals, and scored easily after tagging up on a shallow outfield pop fly to support a strong outing from Mike Leake in the Cincinnati Reds' 4-0 victory over the St. Louis Cardinals on Wednesday. Leake (1-1) allowed four hits and a walk in eight scoreless innings and Devin Mesoraco hit a two-run home run for the Reds, who avoided a three-game sweep after dropping their ninth series in their last 10 in St. Louis.

Shelby Miller (0-2) allowed his fourth homer in two starts but held the Reds hitless in nine at-bats with runners in scoring position.

ROCKIES 10, WHITE SOX 4

DENVER (AP) — D.J. LeMahieu's two-run single broke a tie in a six-run eighth inning. LeMahieu finished with three hits, including an RBI double in the sixth that tied the game at 4.

Rex Brothers (1-0) got two outs in the eighth as the Rockies took two of three in the series, and reliever Scott Downs (0-2) was the loser.

Chicago lost right fielder Avisail Garcia after he jammed his left shoulder diving for LeMahieu's low liner in the sixth. The teams said X-rays were negative for a fracture or a separation.

NATIONALS 10, MARLINS 7

WASHINGTON (AP) — Jayson Werth hit a go-ahead grand slam in the eighth inning off Carlos Marmol after Bryce Harper's upper-deck, three-run homer started a comeback from an early deficit, leading the Washington Nationals over the Miami Marlins.

Werth and Harper each delivered his first homer of the season as Washington overcame deficits of 5-0 and 7-6 in a topsy-turvy game. Werth's shot off Marmol (0-1) came with one out, after the re-

liever allowed a single, hit a batter, then intentionally walked Anthony Rendon to load the bases.

It made a winner of Tyler Clippard (1-1), who yielded Garrett Jones' tiebreaking RBI double in the top of the eighth after walking a pair of batters. Rafael Soriano worked the ninth for his second save.

CUBS 7, PIRATES 5

CHICAGO (AP) — Jason Hammel threw seven strong innings, Anthony Rizzo had four hits, and the Chicago Cubs beat the Pittsburgh Pirates despite allowing five solo home runs.

Hammel (2-0) retired the first 12 batters until Pedro Alvarez's first homer of the game tied it to start the fifth. Hammel allowed three runs and three hits — all solo homers — while striking out six. Mike Olt and Junior Lake hit back-to-back home runs in the fifth against Wandy Rodriguez (0-2).

Alvarez and Russell Martin homered twice for the Pirates, and Travis Snider also went deep.

BRAVES 4, METS 3

ATLANTA (AP) — Ervin Santana allowed only three hits over eight scoreless innings in his Atlanta debut, Jason Heyward homered and drove in two runs and the Braves held off the New York Mets.

The Braves led 4-0, but the Mets rallied in the ninth after Santana was removed. Juan Lagares drove in two runs with a bases-loaded single, and Travis d'Arnaud added a run-scoring single before Craig Kimbrel fanned Ruben Tejada for his fourth save.

Santana (1-0) finished with six strikeouts and no walks. Georgia native Zack Wheeler (0-2) allowed four runs on eight hits in five innings for the Mets.

BREWERS 9, PHILLIES 4

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Ryan Braun hit a two-run triple during a four-run eighth inning rally to lead the Mil-



Cincinnati Reds' Billy Hamilton scores past St. Louis Cardinals catcher Yadier Molina on a sacrifice fly in fifth inning action during a game between the St. Louis Cardinals and the Cincinnati Reds on Wednesday, April 9, 2014, at Busch Stadium in St. Louis.

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waukee Brewers to their fifth straight win.

Carlos Gomez and Mark Reynolds homered and Jean Segura doubled and drove in a run for Milwaukee, which has won all five games during the streak on the road. The Brewers snapped a 4-all tie in the eighth when they scored three runs on one hit off Antonio Bastardo (0-1). Reynolds scored the go-ahead run on an error by first baseman Ryan Howard.

Tyler Thornburg (2-0) pitched two scoreless innings of relief to earn the victory.

DIAMONDBACKS 7, GIANTS 3

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Paul Goldschmidt hit a three-run homer and sacrifice fly to pound Tim Lincecum again, and the Arizona Diamondbacks beat the San Francisco Giants.

Gerardo Parra hit a two-run homer and Eric Chavez added an RBI triple for his first hit in his first start of the year for Arizona.

Goldschmidt is batting .542 (13-for-24) with seven homers and 17 RBIs all-time against Lincecum, including a two-run homer last week at Chase Field.

Michael Morse and Buster Posey hit solo homers against Bronson Arroyo (1-0), who won his third straight decision against San Francisco. □

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Doping ban for Jamaican sprinter Asafa Powell

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KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP)

— A Jamaican disciplinary panel on Thursday banned former 100-meter world record holder Asafa Powell from athletics for 18 months after the veteran sprinter tested positive for a banned stimulant last June. In the sprinting powerhouse's capital of Kingston, the head of the three-member panel of the Jamaica Anti-Doping Commission said its decision was unanimous after examining the "voluminous nature of the evidence."

"In all the circumstances, Mr. Powell was found to be negligent, and he was at fault," said commission chairman Lennox Gayle, adding the panel would issue a written statement explaining its decision in about a month.

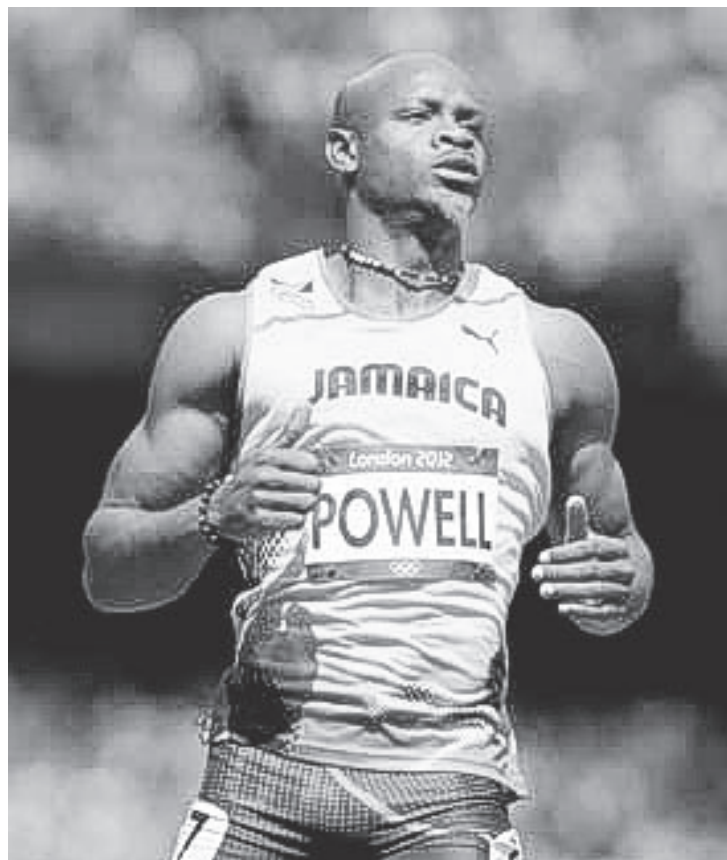
Powell's backdated ban begins from the date of his sample collection on June 21, 2013 during national trials for the world championships. That means he's eligible to return to competition on Dec. 20, about a month after he turns 32.

Once the top sprinter on the track, Powell lowered the world record in the 100 to 9.77 in 2005, then 9.74 in 2008 before being eclipsed by countryman Usain Bolt. Powell was the Jamaican athlete who first put Jamaica's dominating athletics prowess on center stage in the 21st century. But unlike Bolt, he could never win the big one.

The 31-year-old sprinter tested positive for the banned stimulant oxilofrone at Jamaica's national trials last June. He'd been suspended from competition since his doping case was disclosed in July.

Powell did not attend the Thursday session, but he issued a statement through his publicist saying his defense team will appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport. He described the ruling as "not only unfair, it is patently unjust."

Like former teammate



Jamaica's Asafa Powell competes in a men's 100-meter heat during the athletics in the Olympic Stadium at the 2012 Summer Olympics, London, Saturday, Aug. 4, 2012.

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Sherone Simpson, a three-time Olympic medalist who tested positive for the same stimulant at the national trials in June, Powell placed the blame on a newly-hired trainer who provided the two athletes with supplements, including one called "Epiphany D1" which lab tests later showed to contain oxilofrone. "I have never knowingly taken any banned substances, I did all the necessary checks before taking Epiphany D1 and it is my hope that the CAS will prove to be a more open and fair avenue for the review of all the facts in my case," Powell said in his Thursday statement.

During hearings earlier this year, Powell testified that he received nine supplements from Canadian physiotherapist Christopher Xuereb, including Epiphany D1. Powell said he started taking the capsules in early June after he and a friend researched the supplement for up to six hours online and found no prohibited substances.

But Xuereb has said he never gave Powell or Simpson any performance-enhanc-

ing drugs and only purchased major brand vitamins. In July, he asserted to The Associated Press that both athletes were looking for a scapegoat. Xuereb once worked at the Toronto clinic run by Anthony Galea, a sports physician who pleaded guilty to bringing unapproved and mislabeled drugs into the U.S. for house calls.

On the morning of the Jamaican trials, Powell said he took four capsules of Epiphany D1 at Xuereb's suggestion after previously taking two each morning. Powell ended up finishing in seventh place and failed to qualify for the world championships.

The sprinter, who turned professional in 2002, raised eyebrows during his testimony in January when he said he wasn't acquainted with doping control rules. He also testified that he did not tell a doping control officer about all the new supplements he'd been ingesting, only listing three on his declaration form, because he couldn't remember their names amid the excitement of the Jamaican trials. □

'Long Mile Home' must-read story of Boston bombing

RASHA MADKOUR
Associated Press

A new book about the Boston Marathon bombings last April is more gripping than a mystery novel, has more deeply drawn characters than a literary novel and is enriched by the details of a history book.

"Long Mile Home," by Boston Globe reporters Scott Helman and Jenna Russell, is a surprisingly fantastic read. The basic outline is well-known: Two brothers are suspected in the April 15 bombings that killed three people, seriously injured hundreds and caused utter chaos.

It's the lesser-known nuggets, and the interweaving of the characters' stories, that make "Long Mile Home" a must-read.

The book starts out with a beautiful history of the Boston Marathon and poignant description of its opening moments: "a column of bobbing runners, thousands of them, surging downhill on a twisting two-lane road, a kinetic rainbow of tank tops, radiant T-shirts, race-day costumes, visors, headbands, and hats." Readers are introduced to the race's long-time director, Dave McGilivray, whose short stature challenged his dreams of being an athlete until he found a refuge in running. As for the Tsarnaev brothers, the authors write that the older one, Tamerlan, heard voices in his head and erupted at fellow Muslims who celebrated secular holidays like Thanksgiving and honored non-Muslims like Martin Luther King Jr. The younger brother, Dzhokhar, was a former high school honor student who foundered in his studies at college and became a high-volume pot dealer, they say. The disintegration of their family and personal failures appeared to leave the brothers "with few positive influences, no direction, and little to lose," the authors write.

The vivid descriptions of the explosions and the firsthand accounts of their aftermath are beyond chilling. The randomness of who survived and who didn't is captured by a moment in which Krystle Campbell allowed a fellow spectator to take a prime viewing spot because her friend was closer to the finish line. Campbell was



This book cover image released by Dutton shows "Long Mile Home: Boston Under Attack, the City's Courageous Recovery, and the Epic Hunt for Justice," by Scott Helman and Jenna Russell.

Associated Press

killed by the explosive-filled backpack dropped close to where she was standing. Also killed in the explosions were Boston University graduate student Lu Lingzi and 8-year-old Martin Richard, whose friends say told the best knock-knock jokes and stuck up for other kids. Stuningly, the death toll remained at three in great part because of the location of the bombing: near a medical tent and within 2 miles of six top hospitals, the authors write.

The suspense and anxiety is palpable as investigators sift through surveillance video in search of the suspects. Once the brothers' images and names are publicized, the action reaches fever pitch with a fateful car-jacking — the details of which are jaw-dropping — and firefight with police. □

Scientists try 3-D printer to build human heart

DYLAN LOVAN

Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Kentucky (AP)

—It may sound far-fetched, but scientists are attempting to build a human heart with a 3-D printer.

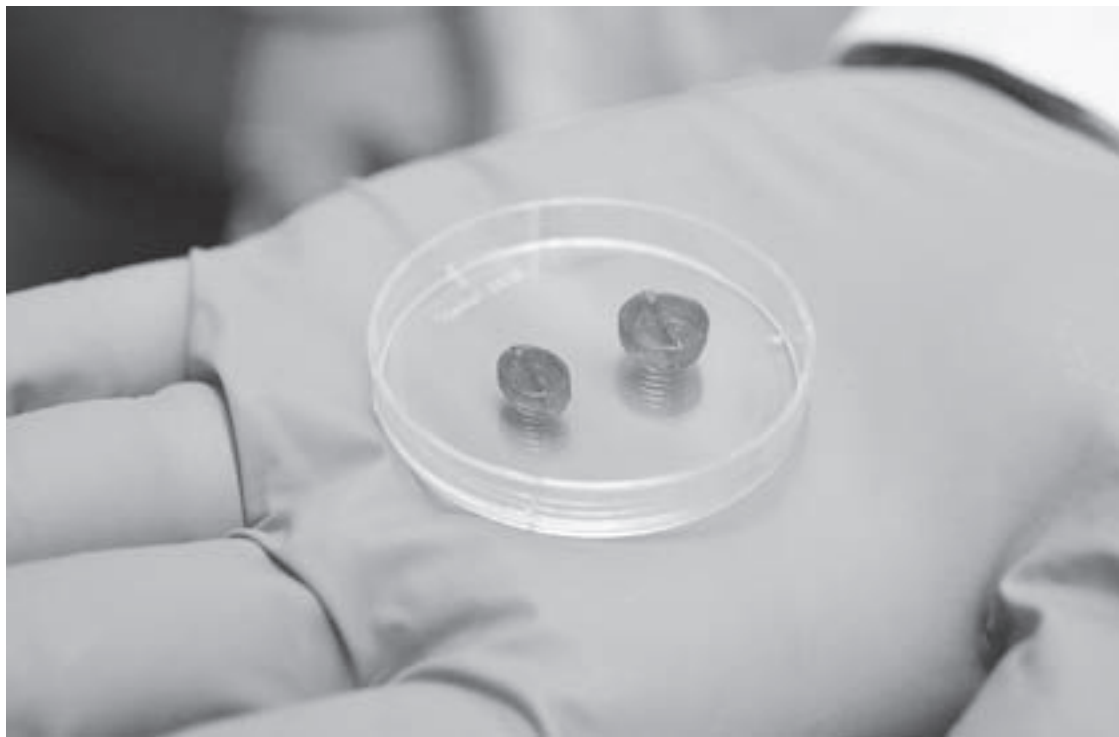
Ultimately, the goal is to create a new heart for a patient with their own cells that could be transplanted. It is an ambitious project to first, make a heart and then get it to work in a patient, and it could be years — perhaps decades — before a 3-D printed heart would ever be put in a person.

The technology, though, is not all that futuristic: Researchers have already used 3-D printers to make splints, valves and even a human ear.

So far, the University of Louisville team has printed human heart valves and small veins with cells, and they can construct some other parts with other methods, said Stuart Williams, a cell biologist leading the project. They have also successfully tested the tiny blood vessels in mice and other small animals, he said.

Williams believes they can print parts and assemble an entire heart in three to five years.

The finished product would be called the “bioficial heart” — a blend of natural and artificial.



In this March 6, 2014 photo, a 3-D printer was used to construct these tiny two-ventricle cylinders at the University of Louisville, in Louisville, Ky. Researchers are working on a project to build a human heart using a 3-D printer and human cells.

The biggest challenge is to get the cells to work together as they do in a normal heart, said Williams, who heads the project at the Cardiovascular Innovation Institute, a partnership between the university and Jewish Hospital in Louisville. An organ built from a patient's cells could solve the rejection problem some patients have with donor organs or an artificial heart, and it could eliminate the need for anti-rejection drugs, Williams said.

If everything goes accord-

ing to plan, Williams said the heart might be tested in humans in less than a decade. The first patients would most likely be those with failing hearts who are not candidates for artificial hearts, including children whose chests are too small to for an artificial heart.

Hospitals in Louisville have a history of artificial heart achievements. The second successful U.S. surgery of an artificial heart, the Jarvik 7, was implanted in Louisville in the mid-1980s. Doctors from the University of Louis-

ville implanted the first self-contained artificial heart, the AbioCor, in 2001. That patient, Robert L. Tools, lived for 151 days with the titanium and plastic pump. But plenty of difficulties remain, including understanding how to keep manufactured tissue alive after it is printed.

“With complex organs such as the kidney and heart, a major challenge is being able to provide the structure with enough oxygen to survive until it can integrate with the body,” said Dr. An-

thony Atala, whose team at Wake Forest University is using 3-D printers to attempt to make a human kidney.

The 3-D printing approach is not the only strategy researchers are investigating to build a heart out of a patient's own cells. Elsewhere, scientists are exploring the idea of putting the cells into a mold. In experiments, scientists have made rodent hearts that beat in the laboratory. Some simple body parts made using this method have already been implanted in people, including bladders and windpipes.

The 3-D printer works in much the same way an ink-jet printer does, with a needle that squirts material in a predetermined pattern.

The cells would be purified in a machine, and then printing would begin in sections, using a computer model to build the heart layer by layer. Williams' printer uses a mixture of a gel and living cells to gradually build the shape. Eventually, the cells would grow together to form the tissue. The technology has already helped in other areas of medicine, including creating sure-fitting prosthetics and a splint that was printed to keep a sick child's airway open. □



The emblem of a Toyota car shines at Toyota Motor Corp.'s showroom Toyota Mega Web in Tokyo Friday, Aug. 2, 2013.

Associated Press

YURI KAGEYAMA

AP Business Writer

TOKYO (AP)

— Toyota has developed an efficient gasoline engine using technology fine-tuned with gas-

electric hybrids, in which the Japanese automaker is an industry leader.

Toyota Motor Corp. said Thursday the engine will be rolled out in 14 models this

Toyota gas cars get efficient engine from hybrids

year and next year.

The technology is common in hybrids, such as the Toyota Prius and Ford Fusion, which switch back and forth between an electric motor and a gas engine for better mileage. But it is relatively rare in vehicles with gas engines alone. Japanese rivals Mazda Motor Corp. and Honda Motor Co. have developed similar engines.

Toyota said the new engine will deliver 10 percent better fuel efficiency than comparable current engines.

It uses an old-style engine

type called the Atkinson cycle, which reduces heat through greater thermal efficiency. Toyota said it developed a version that achieves efficiency without sacrificing power.

Toyota also used other features such as better combustion and reduced friction to boost efficiency.

The new engine will come in 1.0 liter and 1.3 liter versions, but will be expanded to other types, and variations of it will also be used in future hybrid models, according to Toyota.

“They show the future direction of Toyota engine

development,” said Toyota spokesman Brian Lyons.

Toyota has been worried about the reliability of the oil supply for decades and has focused on green cars, especially hybrids.

The maker of the Lexus luxury model and Camry sedan has sold more than 6 million hybrid vehicles around the world, more than any other manufacturer, since the Prius was introduced in late 1997.

Hybrids are popular but remain a niche market, and competition has been intensifying from efficient gas engines. □

Biotech drops again, pulling down Wall Street

MATTHEW CRAFT
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Biotech and Internet stocks tumbled again Thursday, and the broader market followed.

After a two-day respite, investors again started dumping shares of cutting-edge drug companies and other industries that have soared over the past year. Biotechnology stocks have turned volatile in recent weeks as regulators scrutinize the cost of their drugs and investors worry their earnings won't justify lofty stock prices. Investors are also worried that high-growth companies like Twitter and Facebook have become too expensive. On Thursday, the Nasdaq composite, which is weighted heavily toward tech and biotech companies, had its worst day since November 2011.

The rout started slowly and picked up speed throughout the day. By the close, the tech-heavy Nasdaq composite index had its worst day since Novem-

ber 2011. Few companies escaped the sell-off. Of the Nasdaq's 100 largest stocks, only one, C.H. Robinson Worldwide, a freight company, ended higher. The Nasdaq ended the day down 129.79 points, or 3.1 percent, to 4,054.11. It is now down 7 percent from its recent high reached March 5.

Other major index also fell, but not as much.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index dropped 39.10 points, or 2.1 percent, to close at 1,838.08. The Dow Jones industrial average lost 266.96 points, or 1.6 percent, to 16,170.22.

Biogen Idec, Gilead Sciences and other biotech companies plunged. Facebook and Twitter, other recent investor favorites, also dropped.

The sudden downfall of these former high-flyers comes as investors shift from riskier investments to safer areas like utilities, health care and consumer staples. The sell-off in these former darlings, whose stock prices appealed to

investors because their rise seemed unstoppable, has weighed on the overall market, especially the Nasdaq.

Gilead Sciences slid \$5.17, or 7 percent, to \$65.48 on Thursday. Biogen Idec

dropped \$13.33, or 4 percent, to \$287.35. Both roughly doubled in value last year.

Facebook, another stock that doubled last year, sank \$3.25, or 5 percent, to \$59.16. The market's drop

wiped out gains made earlier in the week. On Wednesday, minutes from the Federal Reserve's latest meeting reassured investors that the central bank wasn't in a hurry to raise interest rates. □



Trader Peter Tuchman, right, works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange Thursday, April 10, 2014. U.S. stock indexes tumbled in trading Thursday as investors picked over a mixed batch of corporate earnings reports.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

Ally Financial shares slide in IPO first-day trading

SARAH SELL
AP Business Writer

Ally Financial Inc. held the largest IPO of the year this

week, but its shares fell in their trading debut Thurs-

day. The Detroit-based auto lender is the former financing arm of General Motors. It was nearly wrecked years ago by bad subprime mortgages through its Residential Capital unit and received a \$17.2 billion bailout by the U.S. government during the financial crisis. Ally has since cut ties to ResCap and transformed itself into a company focused on U.S. auto lending and banking.

Its offering of 95 million shares priced at \$25 each raised \$2.38 billion. That's the largest initial public offering thus far in 2014, which has proven a busy year for IPOs. The next closest would be auto loan financing company Santander Consumer USA's offering in January, which raised \$1.8 billion and IMS Health Holdings Inc.'s offering earlier this month, which raised \$1.3 billion.

Ally's shares priced at the low end of its expected \$25 to \$28 range. Its shares fell

83 cents — a 3.3 percent drop — to \$24.17 by mid-day, worse than the broader market decline.

The money from Ally's offering goes to the federal government, which sold most of its stake in Ally through the IPO. With this sale, the government's ownership of Ally's common stock will drop from 37 percent to about 17 percent. It also brings the amount it has recouped from the bailout of Ally to \$17.7 billion, slightly more than the \$17.2 billion it put up in the bailout.

Scott Sweet, senior managing partner at IPO Boutique, said the treasury was highly unlikely to take anything less than \$25. He noted that demand was very poor, and many of the IPO players decided that the mere size of the deal and quantity available were not worth the investment.

The IPO, while somewhat lackluster, does help wrap up a tough chapter in US lending history. □



Ally Financial CEO Michael Carpenter, third from right, is applauded as he rings the New York Stock Exchange opening bell, Thursday, April 10, 2014, to mark his company's IPO. The Treasury Department has raised \$2.38 billion after selling a large chunk of its stock in Ally Financial Inc. as part of the government's ongoing effort to recoup the billions of dollars spent bailing out companies during the 2008 financial crisis.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

US budget deficit falls to \$37 billion

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AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. government's budget deficit shrank to just \$37 billion in March from \$107 billion in the same month last year, the latest sign of improvement in the nation's finances. The deficit was the lowest for the month of March in 14 years.

The deficit fell partly because revenue jumped 16 percent to \$216 billion, the Treasury Department said in its monthly budget report Thursday. Individual income and Social Security tax receipts have increased as employers have steadily hired more workers in the past year.

Changes in the timing of about \$40 billion in benefit payments and tax receipts were also a big reason for the smaller deficit. Most of that change involved benefit payments that were made in February this year but had occurred in March last year.

Excluding the impact of those timing shifts, the deficit would have been \$77 billion last month. Spending still dipped 2 percent in March, even excluding the timing shift.

Defense spending fell 16 percent to \$45 billion last month, and spending on unemployment benefits also fell.

Corporate profits have also perked up from last year, boosting corporate tax receipts 7 percent in March, to \$36 billion.

The government's 2014 budget year began Oct. 1 and is now half over. In the first six months of the budget year, the deficit was \$413 billion, down from \$600 billion in the first half of last year.

Tax receipts rose 10 percent in the October-March period, the Treasury Department says, while spending fell 4 percent.

President Barack Obama projected last month that the deficit for the full year will drop to \$649 billion, down from \$680 billion in the previous year. □

Bezos offers update on groceries, drones

MAE ANDERSON
AP Retail Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — CEO Jeff Bezos' annual letter to shareholders offers a glimpse into Amazon's internal workings and what it is aiming for in the future, including more grocery services and the much-discussed drone delivery.

In the letter released Thursday, Bezos outlined Amazon's offerings, including its fresh grocery business called Prime Fresh, which it has offered for five years in Seattle and expanded to Los Angeles and San Francisco. For \$299 a year members get same-day and early morning delivery on groceries and other items ranging from toys to electronics and household goods. Bezos said the goal is to expand to more cities over time. After making a hubbub about testing delivery by aerial drones in December, the company said its Prime Air team is testing fifth- and sixth-generation aerial vehicles and in the design phase on generations seven and eight. In December Bezos said Amazon was working on creating unmanned aircraft to deliver packages, but said it would take years to advance the technology and for the Federal Aviation Administration to create the necessary rules and regulations.

In a quirk, Bezos also said Amazon offers employees money to leave the com-

pany, a program called Pay to Quit, modeled after a similar program at Zappos. Once a year, the company offers \$2,000 to quit, adding \$1,000 a year, up to a maximum of \$5,000. "The goal is to encourage

er shopping landscape, transforming itself into the largest U.S. online retailer, selling books, gadgets and most everything else, usually at cheaper prices than its competitors. The Seattle company has long

gins and zeroed in on the company's solid revenue growth and long-term prospects. In its most recent quarter, the company said net income and revenue both grew but results fell short of expect-



Amazon founder and CEO Jeff Bezos speaks in Santa Monica, Calif. Bezos' annual letter to shareholders offers a glimpse into Amazon's internal workings and what it is aiming for in the future, including more grocery services and the much-discussed drone delivery.

(AP Photo/Reed Saxon)

folks to take a moment and think about what they really want," Bezos said. "In the long-run, an employee staying somewhere they don't want to be isn't healthy for the employee or the company."

Amazon.com Inc. has changed the consum-

focused on spending the money it makes to add business and expand into new areas, from movie streaming to e-readers, grocery delivery and most recently a set-top streaming device called Fire TV. Investors have largely forgiven thin profit mar-

tations. Amazon's stock is down 17 percent from the beginning of the year. Shares fell \$14.79, or 4.5 percent to close at \$317.01 amid a broader market sell-off. The Dow Jones Industrial Average ended the day down 267 points or 1.6 percent. □

Oshkosh laying off 760 from defense division

Associated Press

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Oshkosh Corp. said Thursday it plans to eliminate about 760 jobs from its defense division this summer, or 29 percent of the group's workforce, a decision driven by lower demand for its mine-resistant trucks and other military vehicles. About 700 hourly positions will be cut beginning in June, and 60 salaried positions will be eliminated starting in July, the Wisconsin-based company said. Oshkosh Defense will be left

with about 1,850 employees. The overall company has about 12,000 employees worldwide.

"We need to reshape our workforce with U.S. defense spending down as a result of tight government budgets and a return to peacetime operations," said John Urias, the executive vice president of Oshkosh Corp. and president of Oshkosh Defense.

Urias said the company plans to contact county and state workforce-development agencies and lo-

cal companies to help the affected employees find other jobs. The Obama administration is ending combat operations in Afghanistan on Dec. 31 and has begun withdrawing troops, although it would like to leave up to 10,000 troops to continue training Afghan forces and conducting counterterrorism missions. President Barack Obama signed a bipartisan budget bill in December that provided \$552.1 billion for the regular military budget and \$80.7 billion for the war

in Afghanistan and other overseas operations. The amounts reflected deficit-driven efforts to trim spending and the drawdown in Afghanistan after more than a decade of fighting there.

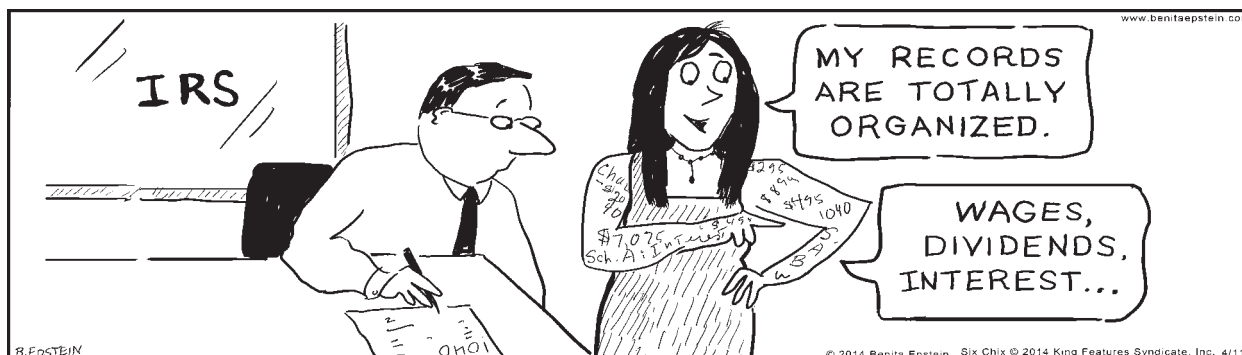
American forces left Iraq at the end of 2011.

Oshkosh and two other defense contractors are also competing for a contract for joint light tactical vehicles, a prototype combat vehicle that's expected to replace Humvees for U.S. ground forces. □

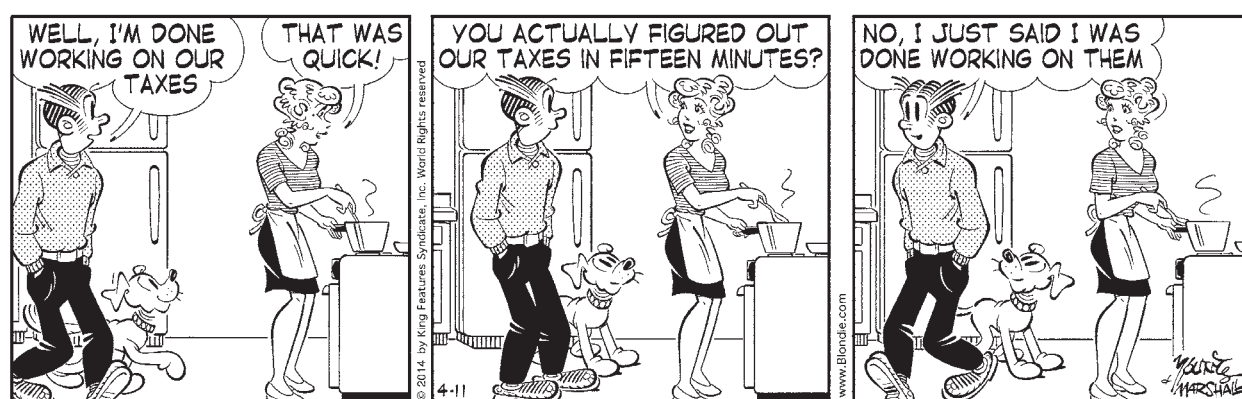
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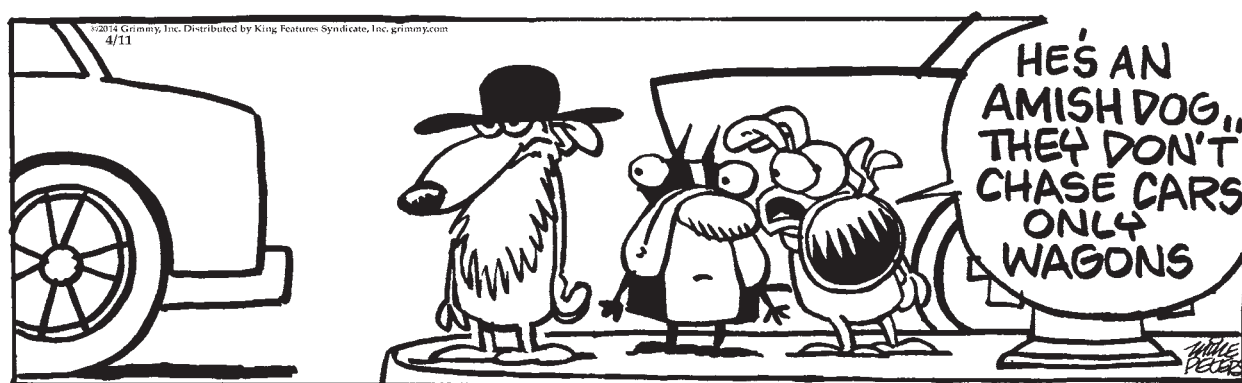
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

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1	7	6	4	3	9	8	5	2
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ACROSS

- Mustangs and Tauruses
- Spill the beans
- Pianist and singer Domino
- Venerate
- Racing sled
- Bad guy
- Powdered cleanser brand
- Once again
- Harness strap
- Giving medical aid to
- Sports buildings
- Repair
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- Sculptor's tool
- Napped leather
- Bacardi product
- Not as risky
- Arm joint
- Swiss skier's range
- Language heard in Cardiff
- Molten rock
- Spaghetti sauce herb
- Church table
- Lion's lair
- GI's footwear
- Present but inactive
- Suit makers
- In addition
- Concluding
- Police station's district
- Related
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- Island greeting
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Thursday's Puzzle Solved

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- Smell
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- Breathing organ
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- Insurance seller
- Courtroom event
- In a; sort of
- Relative by marriage
- "Ticket to"; Beatles hit
- Explode
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- Luau dance
- Little scams
- Peddles
- Daring deeds
- Commanded
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- Desire

- Brothers and sisters
- Actress Berry
- Diving bird
- Scoundrels
- Keyboard instruments
- Bathroom fixture
- Instruct
- Joint most often sprained
- Local saying
- Passion
- Pocket bread
- Short letter
- Pal
- Touches lightly
- Dyer's tub



In an undated handout photo, a rabbit enlisted for Full Bunny Contact practices his swatting and blocking moves with Jayna Marie Jones. Full Bunny Contact, a carnival in New York City, is a saucy and decidedly secular take on Easter festivities, with game booths, food trucks, a DJ and a bar.
(Michael Blase via The New York Times)

No Handouts From These Rabbits

a special gay night, folks dressed up like members of the anti-gay Westboro Baptist Church, "Full Bunny Contact" is a saucy and decidedly secular event. It is primarily geared toward grown-ups, or "adults who are children at heart," Haskell said in a telephone interview.

"Easter is obviously the most sacred of Christian holidays, and for a lot of adults in New York City, if you're not religious, you stop celebrating Easter, because going to church is pretty much the only real option," Haskell said.

Children are welcome at Full Bunny Contact, Haskell said, adding that he considers none of the activities particularly inappropriate for them. But he suggest-

ed that parents visit the event's website before deciding to take their young ones.

With "Nightmare" scheduled for its 11th incarnation this fall, Haskell has become adept at tapping into that human tendency to derive a thrill from being scared out of your wits. Now he's aiming to appeal to a desire to stop acting your age.

"We're not allowed to do so much of the time," said Dan Demello, who, with his partner, Nathaniel Nowak, is jointly producing the event with Haskell. "Why not have a designated time when we can?"

Other organizations have tried. Zog Sports and New York City Social Sports Club, for example. □

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NEW YORK - Timothy Haskell, he of the slightly twisted imagination who regularly scares people as the creator and director of the "Nightmare" haunted houses in New York around Halloween, has something new and a bit less diabolical planned for Easter weekend: Full Bunny Contact, a carnival more focused on fun than on fright. That said, he is who he is, and "Full Bunny Contact" is not exactly as wholesome as the annual White House Easter Egg Roll. The headline event involves a large cage full of plastic Easter eggs stuffed with coupons for prizes: Successive teams of two will each have 60 seconds to grab as many eggs as they can, putting them into a basket. Sounds simple enough, but there is a catch: the full bunny contact, naturally. Three people dressed as Easter Bunnies will be doing what they can - blocking, swatting, snatching - to prevent each team from successfully grabbing those prize-laden eggs. With this event and others like "Shoot the Peep" and a dunk tank that will feature alternating characters, including Jesus, John the Baptist and, on

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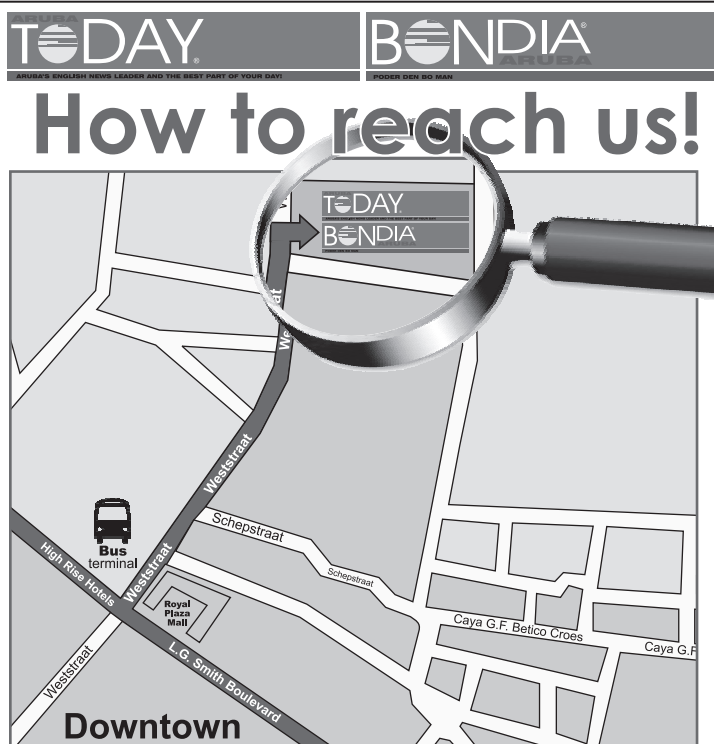
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Artificial cooling tricky topic for climate panel

KARL RITTER

Associated Press

BERLIN (AP) — It's Plan B in the fight against climate change: cooling the planet by sucking heat-trapping CO2 from the air or reflecting sunlight back into space.

Called geoengineering, it's considered mad science by opponents. Supporters say it would be foolish to ignore it, since plan A — slashing carbon emissions from fossil fuels — is moving so slowly.

The U.N.'s expert panel on climate change is under pressure from both sides this week as it considers whether geoengineering should be part of the toolkit that governments use to keep global warming in check.

Russia, in particular, has been pushing the panel to place more emphasis on such techniques in a key document for policymakers being finalized in Berlin this week. Drafts leaked before the conference only mentioned one of the options, removing CO2 from the air and storing it underground. Russia, a major oil and gas producer, said the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change should also mention solar radiation management, which could include everything from covering open surfaces with reflective materials or placing sun-mirrors in orbit around the Earth.



In this July 4, 2005 file photo Marc Olefs, left, and Andrea Fischer, researchers from the Innsbruck University check a field covered with white polyethylene against the backdrop of majestic jagged peaks at Eisgrat (Ice Spine) skiing station on Stubai glacier near the village of Neustift im Stubaital in the alpine Austrian province of Tyrol.

Associated Press

"It is expedient to give a short description of the approach and mention the major 'pro and contra'," Russia said in comments submitted to the IPCC and seen by The Associated Press. But even advocates of studying geoengineering express doubts.

"Really at the present moment there is a high level of uncertainty surrounding all of these options," said Steve Rayner, co-director of Oxford University's geoengineering program. Still, he said it's worth continuing to research geoengineering "to get a better

sense of whether there's any merit in pursuing these technologies further."

After discussions among governments and scientists, a mention of geoengineering was added last year to the first of four summaries of the IPCC's authoritative assessment on climate change. They are now working on the third one, which deals specifically with fighting climate change.

The document is important because it will be used as scientific guidance for governments as they negotiate a new global climate pact, set to be adopted in 2015. Some environmental activists watching the talks in Berlin want the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change to scratch references to geoengineering altogether. They worry that such technologies would

be ineffective, possibly harmful and delay efforts to shift the world's energy system from oil and coal to low-carbon energy sources like wind and solar power.

"It seems like a dangerous gamble to hold up this technology that may not work," said Jim Thomas, of the Canada-based ETC Group. However, the IPCC's draft document says that unless emissions are cut much faster than currently projected, measures to scrub CO2 from the air will have to be deployed to avoid potentially dangerous levels of warming.

The problem is those technologies don't exist yet or are in an experimental stage. No one knows whether they will be successful.

Ideas include spraying clouds with seawater to

make them more reflective or pumping aerosols into the air to mimic the cooling effect from major volcanic eruptions.

Each is associated with unknown risks, including potentially shifting weather patterns or damaging the ozone layer that protects the Earth from ultraviolet sunrays.

One technology that is currently being tested at a small scale is called "bio-energy with carbon capture and storage," or BECCS. The idea is to grow crops that absorb CO2 from the atmosphere then burn them in a power station to generate energy. The resulting CO2 emissions are captured at the plant and then stored deep underground. The net effect of that process is that CO2 is removed from the air.

In a scientific report underlying the summary for policy-makers being discussed in Berlin and obtained by AP, the IPCC notes that BECCS could play a key role in curbing the buildup of CO2 in the atmosphere, which scientists say is the main reason for global warming. However, it would have to be deployed at a large scale, which would require major investments. There could also be negative impacts if food crops are replaced by bio-crops.

Right now the carbon removed through this technique is only a fraction of the 30 billion tons of CO2 emitted annually from the combustion of fossil fuels. "BECCS faces large challenges in financing and currently no such plants have been built and tested at scale," the IPCC says in the draft report. □

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Stephen Colbert to replace Letterman on late show

DAVID BAUDER

AP Television Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — CBS moved swiftly Thursday to replace the retiring David Letterman with Comedy Central's Stephen Colbert, who will take over the "Late Show" next year and do battle with Jimmy Fallon and Jimmy Kimmel for late-night television supremacy. Colbert, 49, has been hosting "The Colbert Report" at 11:30 p.m. ET since 2005, in character as a fictional conservative talk-show host. The character will retire with "The Colbert Report."

"Simply being a guest on David Letterman's show has been a highlight of my career," Colbert said. "I never dreamed that I would follow in his footsteps, though everyone in late night follows Dave's lead."

Letterman, who turns 67 on Saturday, announced on his show last week that he would retire sometime in 2015, although he hasn't set a date. CBS said Thursday that creative elements of Colbert's new show, including where it will be based, will be announced later.

Mayors of New York and Los Angeles have already publicly urged the new "Late Show" host to choose their city. New York would appear to have the clear edge, since Colbert is already based in New York and CBS owns the Ed Sullivan Theater, where the "Late Show" has been taped since Letterman took over in 1993.

Letterman offered his endorsement Thursday. "Stephen has always been a real friend to me," he said. "I'm very excited for him, and I'm flattered that CBS chose him. I also happen to know they wanted another guy with glasses."

It's a rapidly changing period for that time slot. Fallon took over for Jay Leno on NBC's "Tonight" show in February, and has dominated the ratings since his arrival, with Letterman and Kimmel running neck-and-neck for second. Chelsea Handler has also said she is

about to end her talk show on E! Entertainment Television.

CBS chose not to break the mold: CBS, ABC and NBC will all compete at 11:35 p.m. with shows hosted by white males. CBS, which has an older audience and generally seeks personalities with the widest appeal possible, is taking a chance with a personality whose show has a much more specific appeal. But, like Fallon and Kimmel, Colbert is popular with young men and active on the Internet and social media.

"Our discussions really centered on finding the most talented, the most creative (choice), the person who was going to conduct the most interesting interviews and be the most interesting person himself, and that's what led us to Stephen," said Nina Tassler, CBS entertainment chairman. She said CBS considered several candidates, but did not name them.

Colbert's show won the Emmy for best variety series last year and has earned two Peabody Awards. It's another big move for a Jon Stewart protege: Colbert worked on "The Daily Show" for eight years before getting his own program, and John Oliver is about to launch a weekly show for HBO later this month.

The decision opens up a

hole on Comedy Central's schedule.

The network said in a statement Thursday that "we look forward to the next eight months of the ground-breaking 'Colbert Report' and wish Stephen the very best."

Stewart told New York magazine on Wednesday night that Colbert would be terrific for Letterman's job. Stewart said he likes what he does and Colbert has a better opportunity to broaden out his comedy than he would.

"He is a uniquely talented individual," Stewart said. "He's wonderful in 'Colbert Report,' but he's got gears he hasn't even shown people yet. He would be remarkable."

The choice of Colbert quickly drew the ire of a real-life conservative talk-show host. Radio's Rush Limbaugh said Thursday that CBS "has just declared war on the heartland of America. No longer is comedy going to be a covert assault on traditional American values, conservatives. Now it's just wide open."

Limbaugh mispronounced Colbert's name as col-bert, instead of the proper pronunciation, col-bear.

The man Colbert is replacing was a target for conservatives, too. Letterman made Republican favorite Sarah Palin a frequent target of his barbs.



This Aug. 10, 2012 file photo shows Stephen Colbert, host of "The Colbert Report," onstage during StePhest Colbchella '012 Rocktaugustfest at the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum in New York. Associated Press

Tassler declined comment on what Colbert's ascension will mean for Craig Ferguson, who follows Letterman's show in the 12:35 a.m. time slot and was considered a candidate for Letterman's job.

Colbert would likely enter into some friendly competition with Fallon. Colbert appeared on Fallon's first "Tonight" show, one of a line of personalities in a gag involving people who had to "pay up" on a bet about

whether Fallon would ever get the "Tonight" gig.

Brad Adgate, an analyst for Horizon Media, described Colbert as "the best talk-show host available." He said CBS wanted to move quickly to make its choice for Letterman's replacement before next month's meeting with advertisers in New York about the upcoming season's schedule. "When you've got fire in the belly, you move fast," Tassler said. □

Rolling Stone flubs Constitution tattoo on cover

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Julia Louis-Dreyfus better hope her latest tattoo is a temporary one.

The cover image of next month's Rolling Stone magazine featuring the "Veep" star depicts a nude Louis-Dreyfus with a tattoo of the U.S. Constitution signed by John Hancock across her back. The problem is Hancock signed the Declaration of Independence, not the Constitution.

Louis-Dreyfus jokingly blamed the blunder on Mike McClintock, the fictional "Veep" character played by Matt Walsh who serves as communications

director to Louis-Dreyfus' Vice President Selina Meyer on the HBO comedy series.

"Yet another Mike (expletive)-up," the 53-year-old actress posted Wednesday on Twitter. "Dummy."

The National Constitution Center in Philadelphia mocked the flub by tweeting a photo of the cover alongside such Founding Fathers as George Washington and Benjamin Franklin in Signers' Hall with the words, "Thanks for the shoutout but no Hancock here."

Rolling Stone spokeswom-



This undated photo released by Rolling Stone shows the cover of the April 24, 2014 issue of Rolling Stone magazine featuring actress Julia Louis-Dreyfus, photographed by Mark Seliger for Rolling Stone. Associated Press

an Melissa Bruno said the Declaration of the Independence is on the other side of Louis-Dreyfus' body, but they couldn't fit in the signatures.

Inside the magazine, another image shot by photographer Mark Seliger shows a man in a colonial wig tattooing Hancock's signature above the "Seinfeld" actress' bare bottom. "I'm a perfectionist in my work," Louis-Dreyfus notes in the magazine's cover story. "I think I might drive people nuts. I don't ask them, because I don't need that (expletive) on top of how I'm feeling." □



In this Oct. 5, 2012 file photo, actress Katherine Heigl poses at Variety's 4th annual Power of Women event in Beverly Hills, Calif. Associated Press

Heigl sues pharmacy company over photo

NEW YORK (AP) — Emmy-award winning actress Katherine Heigl has sued Duane Reade Inc., saying the company is using a picture of her leaving one of its pharmacies in its promotional materials. The 35-year-old who acted in the television series "Grey's Anatomy" and in movies including "Knocked Up" and "27 Dresses" is seeking at least \$6 million in damages. The lawsuit was filed Wednesday in federal court in Manhattan.

A Duane Reade spokesman did not immediately return a message seeking comment. The lawsuit says Heigl was recently photographed by paparazzi in New York City as she left a Duane Reade pharmacy. It says the company is exploiting the actress' image for commercial gain despite her objection. The complaint says Heigl plans to donate any lawsuit proceeds to a charitable foundation that helps animals. □

'It's a Small World' turns 50 with sing-along

TAMARA LUSH Associated Press
LAKE BUENA VISTA, Florida (AP) — The timeless Disney tune "It's a Small World" that wafts through our memories from past theme park vacations turns 50 this year, and on Thursday, Disney parks worldwide hosted a global sing-along. At Walt Disney World Resort in Florida, a huge chorus of the song was performed in front of Cinderella Castle at Magic Kingdom by cast members and a children's choir from Central Florida Performing Arts. The kids — who didn't seem to mind belting out several takes of what some consider an earworm — sang for a live broadcast on "Good Morning America." Tributes to the song will also be held throughout the park all day, and other parks around the world also held sing-alongs. Not that the parks are in short supply of the song on any regular day. Dis-



This 1964 photo released by Disney shows Walt Disney with a model of the "it's a small world" attraction from the 1964 World's Fair. Associated Press

ney officials estimate that during a 16-hour operating day, the song is played, on average, 1,200 times. It was written by Richard and Robert Sherman at the request of Walt Disney himself. The brothers won Academy Awards in 1965 for the music for "Mary Poppins." The "It's a Small World" song and animatronic attraction debuted at the 1964 New York World's Fair. It was shipped to Disneyland in California

then recreated at the other Disney parks. The attraction opened at the Florida park in 1971. While some adults may complain about the infectious nature of the song, the gentle boat ride is a calm and air-conditioned respite from the crowds and heat — and little kids love it. With its hundreds of costumed dolls, the attraction was considered high-tech back in the 1970s. It's definitely different than many of the other new theme park offerings these days. There's no 3D, no complicated story line. "I think 'It's a Small World,' because of the message that it brings, really does resonate with the audience," said Gary Landrum, a Walt Disney World Imagineer and archivist from California. "It was really one of the first of what became the classic Disney theme park attractions. It's a beautiful story, it's a simple story that I think the public really connects with." On Thursday morning, Chris Pini, his wife and their two children raced to the Small World ride first thing. "I came down here as a kid and rode this with my parents, and now I'm getting the chance to take my kids on it," he said. "It's awesome, I know it's been around here for 50 years and it's an amazing ride." □

CNN replacing Morgan with specials

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NEW YORK (AP) — CNN is abandoning the talk show that anchored its prime-time schedule for three decades with Larry King and Piers Morgan in favor of several documentary-like series with personalities like Anthony Bourdain, Mike Rowe and John Walsh.

The network, which revealed the schedule change in a meeting with advertisers Thursday, also said it would air a nightly newscast at 10 p.m. ET with a rotating series of hosts. Bourdain's "Parts Unknown" travelogue became CNN's most popular show upon its debut last year and increased the network's taste for non-fiction programming that wouldn't be susceptible to the ratings troughs that occur when news is slow.

Bourdain's series, which currently airs on Sunday nights, will be part of the mix of programming for the week-night 9 p.m. time slot that Morgan abandoned a few weeks ago. Morgan Spurlock's "Inside Man" series will also be part of that mix.



In this Oct. 11, 2012 file photo, Anthony Bourdain attends "On The Chopping Block: A Roast of Anthony Bourdain," in New York. Associated Press

Other programs that will rotate out of that time slot include "Somebody's Gotta Do It," where former "Dirty

Jobs" host Rowe will profile people with unusual professions. Walsh, long-time host of "America's Most Wanted," will do a show on criminal investigations. Lisa Ling will host a show, "Our America," where she immerses herself in American subcultures. CNN will also air "The Jesus Code," a documentary described as an archeological journey through the Bible. A 10-part series on "The Sixties" that Tom Hanks is behind is also expected to air in that time slot. "The seamless integration of original series and live news coverage, which has been on display the last two months, is the foundation of our new prime-time lineup," said Jeff Zucker, CNN Worldwide president. CNN had been seeing some historically low ratings earlier this year until the Malaysian airliner went missing several weeks ago. Coverage of that story has since dominated the network, dramatically improving the ratings. Current shows hosted by Erin Burnett and Anderson Cooper will remain in CNN's evening lineup, Zucker said. □

The Water Cooler Runs Dry



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If you're closing in on 50 but want to feel much, much older, teach a college course. I'm doing that now, at 49, and hardly a class goes by when I don't make an allusion that prompts my students to stare at me as if I just dropped in from the Paleozoic era.

Last week I mentioned the movie "They Shoot Horses, Don't They?" Only one of the 16 students had heard of it. I summarized its significance, riffing through the Depression, with which they were familiar, and Jane Fonda's career, with which they weren't. "Barbarella" went sailing over their heads. I didn't dare test my luck with talk of leg warmers and Ted Turner.

I once brought up Vanessa Redgrave. Blank stares. Greta Garbo. Ditto. We were a few minutes into a discussion of an essay that repeatedly invoked Proust's madeleine when I realized that almost none of the students understood what the madeleine signified or, for that matter, who this Proust fellow was.

And these are young women and men bright and diligent enough to have gained admission to Princeton University, which is where our disconnect is playing out.

The bulk of that disconnect, obviously, is generational. Seemingly all of my students know who Gwyneth Paltrow is. And with another decade or two of reading and living and being subjected to fossils like me, they'll assemble a richer inventory of knowledge and trivia, not all of it present-day.

But the pronounced narrowness of the cultural terrain that they and I share - the precise limits of the overlap - suggests something additional at work. In a wired world with hundreds of television channels, countless byways in cyberspace and all sorts of technological advances that permit each of us to customize his or her diet of entertainment and information, are common points of reference dwindling? Has the personal niche supplanted the public square?

Both literally and figuratively, the water-cooler show is fading fast, a reality underscored by a fact that I stumbled across in last week's edition of The New Yorker: In the mid-1970s, when the sitcom "All in the Family" was America's top-rated television series, more than 50 million

people would tune in to a given episode. That was in a country of about 215 million.

I checked on the No. 1 series for the 2012-13 television season. It was "NCIS," an episode of which typically drew fewer than 22 million people, even counting those who watched a recording of it within a week of its broadcast. That's out of nearly 318 million Americans now.

"NCIS" competes against an unprecedented bounty of original programming and more ways to see new and old shows than ever, what with cable networks, subscription services, YouTube, Apple TV and Aereo. Yahoo just announced that it was jumping into the fray and, like Netflix and Amazon, would develop its own shows.

In movies, there's a bevy of boutique fare that never even opens in theaters but that you can order on demand at home. In music, streaming services and Internet and satellite radio stations showcase a dizzying array of songs and performers, few of whom attain widespread recognition. In books, self-publishing has contributed to a marked rise in the number of titles, but it doesn't take an especially large crowd of readers for a book to become a best-seller. Everyone's on a different page.

With so very much to choose from, a person can stick to one or two preferred microgenres and subsist entirely on them, while other people gorge on a completely different set of ingredients. You like "Housewives"? Savor them in multiple cities and accents. Food porn? Stuff yourself silly. Vampire fiction? The vein never runs dry.

I brought up this Balkanization of experience with Hendrik Hartog, the director of the American studies program at Princeton, and he noted that what's happening in popular culture mirrors what has transpired at many elite universities, where survey courses in literature and history have given way to meditations on more focused themes.

"There's enormous weight given to specialized knowledge," he said. "It leaves an absence of connective tissue for students." Not for nothing, he observed, does his Princeton colleague Daniel Rodgers, an emeritus professor of history, call this the "age of fracture."

It has enormous upsides, and may be for the best. No single, potentially alienating cultural dogma holds sway. A person can find an individual lens and language through which his or her world comes alive.

And because makers of commercial entertainment don't have to chase an increasingly apocryphal mass audience, they can produce cultish gems, like "Girls" on HBO and "Louie" on FX. But each fosters a separate dialect. Finding a collective vocabulary becomes harder. Although I'm tempted to tell my students that they make me feel like the 2,000-year-old man, I won't. I might have to fill them in first on Mel Brooks. □



GM's Cobalt Crisis



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The Chevrolet Cobalt is in many ways the perfect representation of the bad, old days of General Motors, when quality didn't much matter, market share was more important than profitability, and financial decisions came before design and even safety decisions.

First manufactured in 2004, the car was a clunker from the start. "Owners complained about power steering failures, locks inexplicably opening and closing, doors jamming shut in the rain - even windows falling out," according to Danielle Ivory and Rebecca R. Ruiz, writing in The Times last week.

And then there was the ignition defect that could cause the power to shut down, which led to a huge recall two months ago - and has spiraled the company into crisis. The more we learn about it - and with a handful of investigations underway, there is much that is not yet known - the worse GM looks. The company apparently knew about the defect as far back as 2001, when it discovered the problem during testing of the Saturn Ion. It saw the problem again in 2004, as the Cobalt was about to be rolled out with the same ignition system. According to documents ob-

tained in congressional investigations, engineers came up with a proposed fix, but it was nixed on the grounds that it was too expensive and would take too much time.

Finally, in 2006, engineers at General Motors appeared to have fixed the problem, but they did so without changing the part number, which is a shocking violation of engineering protocol, wrote Micheline Maynard at Forbes.com. It makes GM appear to have been engaged in subterfuge, hiding the fact that its ignition had been defective all those years. Meanwhile, at least 13 people died in accidents that were clearly the result of the faulty ignition design. There are also another 140 people who died in accidents involving the Cobalt in which the cause is unknown. Yet for more than a decade, General Motors did nothing. What makes this a particularly difficult crisis for GM is that it comes at a time when the company is trying to prove to the world that the old GM is dead. With a new chief executive in Mary Barra, 52, and a handful of newly designed cars, GM wants the world to believe that it has emerged from its bankruptcy as a smarter, nimbler, more transparent company. And maybe it has. But the Cobalt fiasco does not instill confidence; rather, it reminds people why General Motors had to be saved by the government in the first place.

On the one hand, Barra has met with the families of people who were killed in Cobalt accidents, something the old management would never have done. She has also hired Kenneth Feinberg, who has become famous for parceling out money to victims of 9/11 and the BP oil spill. He has been brought on to help the company figure out how to compensate victims and their families - a tricky bit of business since the company is legally

off the hook for any accidents that took place before the 2009 bankruptcy. Of the many investigations into the Cobalt, one has been ordered by Barra herself, an internal review aimed at, among other things, answering the question of why General Motors took so long to order a recall. These are all gestures aimed at reinforcing the idea that this GM is a different kind of company.

On the other hand, Barra was forced to acknowledge before Congress that she hadn't even known about the problem until the end of January - just a few weeks after she became the chief executive - when she was informed that the company planned a recall. She told Congress that General Motors was a place that had "silos" and that information was too often not shared. She said so little of substance during her two days of congressional testimony last week that she came across as stonewalling at times. Sen. Claire McCaskill, D-Mo., accused her of presiding over "a culture of cover-up." These are the kinds of moments that make you wonder if General Motors really has changed.

The Cobalt crisis will eventually fade. Feinberg will figure out how to pay victims. Plaintiffs' lawyers will sue and settle. The investigations will be completed and the results announced. Presumably some heads will roll. It is what happens over the ensuing months and years that will tell the tale of whether General Motors is truly a different company or whether this has all been for show. The government has sold its stake in GM. The company is making money now. It is unquestionably a leaner, less bureaucratic place.

What it now needs to prove is that it makes cars that will cause us all to forget about the Cobalt. That's when we'll really know if it has changed. □



Paola Modigliani Fano presents *carciofi alla giudia*, a Passover staple, in Rome. Fresh artichokes in season can be frozen after a first fry and then re-fried just before serving.

(Chris Warde-Jones for The New York Times)

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ROME - I have always loved artichokes fried in the Jewish style, or *carciofi alla giudia*, a traditional dish of the Roman Seder. So on a recent trip to Rome, I hunted for them. Every chef I queried had the same answer, delivered with the same slightly weary shrug: "You have to go to the ghetto for that."

The former Jewish ghetto is near the center of the city, on the banks of the Tiber. At one restaurant there, a worker carved away the tough parts of the artichokes until they resembled small balls of yellow and green. After frying, they were as crisp as a potato chip on the outside but tender at the heart.

I nibbled on just a few so I would still be hungry when I found my way to the penthouse of Paola Modigliani Fano, a home cook who

lives just outside the ghetto in the 16th-century Palazzo Cenci.

Fano, a retired high school science teacher, greeted me at the door with two gifts: a facsimile of Donatella Limentani Pavoncello's 1880 cookbook, "La Cucina Ebraica della Mia Famiglia" ("The Jewish Cooking of My Family"), and a *coltello da carciofi*, a knife for cutting artichokes that resembles a bird's beak knife.

"Bring this back to America," she said with a laugh. "You will need a knife that is very, very sharp."

Fano turned and trimmed the small and slightly purple Roman artichokes with an almost meditative rhythm. Because these were the first of the season and different from the American globe variety, there was no need to remove the choke. She tapped the trimmed artichokes on the table to loosen their petals, then

cooked them in oil, carefully spreading their inner leaves so that they would resemble golden chrysanthemums when returned to the oil, hotter this time so that they would sizzle and puff up. When artichokes are in season, she cooks hundreds, freezing them after the first frying and refrying them for Passover and birthdays and family gatherings throughout the year. "I cook 30 per hour," Fano said.

"When I cook artichokes," she added, "I think of my grandmother, who taught me this great Passover tradition, passed down to me for generations."

FRIED ARTICHOKEs

Time: About 1 hour

Yield: 8 servings

2 tablespoons fine sea salt, or to taste

1 teaspoon ground black pepper, or to taste

Juice and rind of 2 lemons

8 American globe arti-

chokes

2 or more quarts of olive oil, for frying

1. Mix salt and pepper in a small bowl. Fill a large bowl with water and add juice and rinds of lemons. Set both bowls aside.

2. Using a sharp paring or bird's beak knife, shave off the tough outer leaves of artichokes until you reach the tender pale green or yellow leaves and create a bulbous shape. Cut off at least an inch of the thorny top. Trim the stem near the heart, peeling off the outer green fiber and leaving about 2 inches of stem if possible. Immediately put the artichokes in the lemon water to prevent browning.

3. Fill an electric fryer or deep cast-iron enameled pot with enough oil to almost cover artichokes. Heat to 325 degrees. While oil is heating, dry artichokes well with paper towels. Tap the flat top of the cut arti-

choke against the table to loosen the leaves. Sprinkle with salt and pepper, rubbing in the seasoning.

4. Fry artichokes in batches. Cook, turning occasionally with tongs, for about 15 minutes, or until a fork easily pierces the stem at its thickest point. The outside should be bronzed.

5. Remove artichokes from oil and drain well, stem side up, on a paper-towel-lined baking sheet. Gently open leaves to remove choke (using a grapefruit spoon or melon baller) and encourage the leaves to spread. You can now freeze them or leave them out, stem side up, for a few hours until ready to finish.

6. When ready to serve, reheat the oil to 350. Working in batches again, return artichokes, stem side up, to hot oil just to crisp. Drain well and serve immediately with a sprinkle of salt. Eat with your fingers. □